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Excellencies,
Distinguished Participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

What a day this has been. I have been deeply encouraged by the level of energy and enthusiasm, and I come away with new optimism, vigor and determination to make SDG7 a reality.

I would like to thank all the heads of state and government, and ministers and representatives of member states who participated.

I look forward to those whose remarks are yet to come.

A special thanks to the Member State Champions who really took the lead and charged boldly ahead.

Thank you to all co-lead organizations and experts involved in the multi-stakeholder Technical Working Groups that provides a set of recommendations for the achievement of SDG7 and net zero emission.

A heartfelt thank you also to all stakeholders coming from the private sector, cities and subnational governments, NGOs, academia, and civil society and youth, without whom we have no shot at achieving SDG7 or any of the other SDGs really.

And of course, my deepest gratitude to my colleagues, Co-Chairs Achim Steiner and Damilola Ogunbiyi and UN-Energy as a whole for the hard work and collaboration in turning the Dialogue a truly impactful event.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Dialogue is not just a conference. It is a start of a new phase.

We now have all main elements of an ambitious and action-oriented global roadmap towards attaining SDG7 by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050.

The Summary of the Dialogue by the Secretary-General will present the global roadmap.

And we have the momentum on our side as we are beginning to see truly transformational action, with many of the critical actors stepping up to the plate.

I was deeply encouraged by so many Energy Compacts submitted, by member states and other stakeholders.

The compacts showcased intriguing solutions and inspiring partnerships and really set the bar high.

UN-Energy will continue to support the mobilization of more and more ambitious Energy Compacts in the months and years to come.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

If we want to deliver on Agenda 2030 and the Paris Agreement, SDG7 is key.

We need to achieve universal access to clean energy by 2030. And we need to get to net zero emissions by 2050 to deliver on our goals set by the Paris Agreement.

We must achieve these two goals through a just an inclusive transition that leaves no one behind.

I call upon all stakeholders to mobilize political will, international co-operation, and financing to deliver clean, affordable and sustainable energy for all.

I look forward to continued engagement with all of you.

And now I have the honor to hand the floor to Ms Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group to deliver her remarks at the end of our Leadership Dialogues.

Thank you.
