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JUST AND INCLUSIVE ENERGY TRANSITION COMPACT

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BACKGROUND

G20's role is crucial in shaping the global discourse on just and inclusive energy transitions, drawing on the diverse energy landscapes and potential of its member nations. It can help ensure that the global energy transition reflects the needs and priorities of all countries, including those in the Global South.

In 2024, supported by the G20 Brazil Presidency and coordinated with the UN-Energy, an Energy Compact was launched based on the "Principles for Just and Inclusive Energy Transition" developed by the Energy Transition Working Group. The Compact targets additional signatories as a way for countries to demonstrate their commitment and leadership towards a just and inclusive energy transition.

With the aim of leaving no one behind, we endorse the following voluntary principles to promote clean, sustainable, just, affordable and inclusive energy transitions in line with SDG7, the Paris Agreement and the "Outcome of the First Global Stocktake" adopted at the 28th UN Climate Change Conference:



PRINCIPLE 1 - ENERGY PLANNING FOR JUST AND INCLUSIVE ENERGY TRANSITIONS

Acknowledge the importance of long-term regional and domestic energy planning and policies across various sectors to guide actions and financing mechanisms that promote energy transitions and design and implement just and inclusive energy transition policies in individual countries, while ensuring energy security, affordability, accessibility, and markets stability and economic prosperity.



PRINCIPLE 4 - SOCIAL PROTECTION

Strengthen the access to appropriate social protection systems for all as part of just and inclusive energy transitions in order to support workers and communities, with particular consideration to the poor and those in vulnerable situations.



PRINCIPLE 5 - POLICY INCLUSIVENESS

Incorporate intersectional perspectives on gender balance, including women empowerment, age, race, ethnicity and those in any vulnerable situations into energy planning and policies and ensure a fair distribution of costs and benefits.



PRINCIPLE 2 - END ENERGY POVERTY

Tackle all forms of energy poverty, with a focus on ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy, including clean cooking, for all.



PRINCIPLE 6 - RESPECT RIGHTS

Respect, promote and consider respective obligations on human rights, and on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, persons with disabilities as well as labour rights in the planning and implementation of energy transitions policies and projects.



PRINCIPLE 3 - SOCIAL DIALOGUE AND STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION

Foster social dialogue and encourage meaningful and effective participation by all relevant stakeholders, including from affected communities, employers' organisations and trade unions in the decision-making processes related to energy transitions.



PRINCIPLE 7 - INVEST IN AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE SOLUTIONS FOR JUST AND INCLUSIVE ENERGY TRANSITIONS

Explore efficient, inclusive and just mechanisms for cost allocation in energy solutions and their impact on the cost of energy, with a focus on timely mobilisation of resources and working towards facilitating low-cost financing in developing countries for innovative technologies and business models, to widely share the benefits and to help mitigate the burden of energy transitions, especially on the poorest segments of the population.



PRINCIPLE 9 - SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR ALL

Promote social and economic development through reliable, diversified, sustainable and responsible supply and value chains, inclusive international cooperation and local value creation and beneficiation at source for all, including in developing countries and economies in transition.



PRINCIPLE 10 - QUALITY JOBS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Create decent work and quality jobs in accordance with nationally defined development priorities and enable sectoral labour mobility and workforce transformation through reskilling and upskilling to create avenues of employment, while creating greater opportunities for all, noting the ILO guidelines on a Just Transition for all in this regard, as relevant.



PRINCIPLE 8 - IMPLEMENT SECURE AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

Implement effective and inclusive measures to ensure localised value creation and maximise the socio-economic, environmental and other benefits and their fair distribution, while making efforts towards mitigating negative socio-economic and environmental impacts of energy-related policies and infrastructure and the extraction, refining and processing of certain materials and minerals that are critical for energy transitions while respecting permanent sovereignty over natural resources and energy infrastructure.

I. With this voluntary commitment, your government also expresses its intent to **support UN-Energy** in advancing these principles recognising the importance of Sustainable Development Goal 7 – ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all. As achieving this goal is realised by 2030, it must go hand-in-hand with other goals of Agenda 2030 on climate action and public health, and others.

II. Signatories will be listed on the Energy Compact registry website at un.org/energycompacts.

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(Please add up to two experts to be included on the mailing list for any communication with the signatories)

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