

Mr. Chair,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our times. No country is immune to its adverse effects. The global nature of climate change requires effective action.

The Paris Agreement is a landmark agreement. It reflects the determination of all countries to combat climate change.

Turkey contributed constructively to the climate negotiations with the aim of reaching a successful agreement in Paris.

We supported a fair, flexible and inclusive agreement based on “common but differentiated responsibilities in light of different national circumstances”.

The G20 Presidency of Turkey last year coincided with a critical phase of the negotiation process. We worked hard to send a strong message from the Antalya Leaders’ Summit to the Paris Conference.

Turkey is committed to contribute to the collective efforts to combat climate change in line with its national circumstances and capabilities.

In Paris last December, Parties, developed and developing, pledged to decrease emissions, to strengthen resilience and to take collective action.

The real challenge facing us is to translate our commitments into action.

The success of the Agreement will depend on the realization of the commitments for adequate funding and technology transfer. In this regard, developed countries

should meet their responsibility to provide the necessary means for transition to a low carbon and climate resilient world economy.

This is also a significant matter for my country.

I would like to underline that Turkey is signing the Paris Agreement as a developing country and presented its INDC accordingly.

Turkey has declared to reduce greenhouse gas emissions up to 21 percent from the business as usual by 2030.

Turkey expects that its special circumstances recognized by the COP are duly considered so that its access to climate finance and technology transfer be facilitated and ensured. This is vital for the effective realization of our national contribution **and raising mitigation ambition. However, this issue could not be resolved in Paris.**

We are in a close cooperation with France to find a viable solution as stated by the French Presidency during the closing session of COP21.

This demonstrates the importance that we attach to the protection of our planet.

We will continue to work with our partners to create synergies and enhance cooperation in our efforts to combat climate change, desertification and the degradation of ecosystems.

Turkey is a candidate to host the 26th Conference of Parties to the **UNF triple C** in 2020 which will be a critical year for the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

I conclude my remarks by underlining once again that Turkey, as a rapidly developing country, is committed to fulfilling its responsibility in this common endeavor for the future generations.

Thank you for your attention.