Hi [Redacted],

Thanks for agreeing to the 1/14, 9amGST embargo! COP President-Designate, Dr. Al Jaber will make his first public remarks since being appointed to lead the world's leading climate conference in 2023, COP28 at the Atlantic Council Global Energy Forum in Abu Dhabi.

Excerpts from his speech being delivered tomorrow (Jan 14, embargoed until 9amGST) emphasize the need for an inclusive, action-oriented approach to transform systems and accelerate trajectories in the fight against climate change. The Atlantic Council conference is being streamed live according to their website and you can watch the speech live by registering here.

The attached COP28 press release will also be issued at 9amGST. I am also trying to obtain a copy and/or video of Dr. Al Jaber's speech to be delivered tomorrow and will provide if possible.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information. The CPD will also deliver a second speech at the IRENA Assembly as well that is a closed meeting, but a press release will be issued regarding contents of that talk as well. I will provide that release as soon as possible.

Thank you!

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**Investment for the Future**

- Over the last 15 years, the UAE has invested a total of 50 billion US dollars in renewable energy and clean tech globally and plans to invest another 50 billion US dollars in the years ahead. And beyond investing in new energies, it was His Highness who said: "There will be a time when we load the last barrel of oil." And he continued, "If our plans and investments today are right, it will be a moment for celebration"

- This call to action by His Highness at the World Government Summit in 2015 clearly underscored his vision for sustainable development, delivered by economic diversification and enabled by a rapid transition of our energy systems. And today, over 70 percent of our economy is generated outside the oil and gas sector.

**Global Stocktake**

- COP 28 will have particular significance as it will mark the first Global Stock-take, a comprehensive assessment of progress against the goals of the Paris Agreement. We don't need to wait for the stock-take to know what it will say. We are way off track. The world is playing catchup when it comes to the key Paris goal of holding global temperatures down to 1.5 degrees. And the hard reality is that in order to achieve this goal, global emissions must fall 43 per cent by 2030.

**Vulnerable communities**:

- ...the number one priority is clear. We must do more to protect our most vulnerable communities and our most critical systems from extreme weather and biodiversity loss. We must protect our rainforests and invest in nature-based solutions like mangroves that act as powerful carbon sinks, while protecting coastlines and preserving
natural ecosystems. We must ensure that our global food system is resilient to the changing weather patterns that threaten farmers around the world.

**COP28 – Inclusivity & Action:**

- Distinguished delegates, Dear Friends, As an ambitious young nation that continues to evolve, the UAE has grown through partnerships, opened up to new ideas and learned many lessons along the way. We don’t claim to have all the answers. But we believe we have something valuable to contribute. At the crossroads of North and South, East and West, we will listen, we will engage with all those who want to engage, we will build bridges and we will pursue global consensus in this collective effort.

- We want it to be a COP of Solidarity that bridges the global north and south, and includes public and private sectors, scientists and civil society, women and youth. And we want it to be a practical COP, a COP of Action, a COP for AI, a COP that raises ambitions and moves from goals to getting it done across mitigation, adaptation, finance and loss and damage.

- I urge all parties to help make COP 28 a COP of concrete outcomes and practical solutions. We are united by our common goal. We are united by our common humanity. And we look forward to hosting you in the United Arab Emirates, where together we can ensure sustainable development for this generation and all who follow.

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