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Co-Chairs' Summary High-Level Meeting on Uniting Donors around Just Energy Transition Partnerships

Assessing outcomes of COP26 in Glasgow and mapping way forward to G7 Summit in Elmau

- 16 March 2022, Berlin, hybrid format -

At their meeting on the 24th February, G7 Leaders tasked relevant Ministers to make progress on concrete policies to effectively reduce emissions and on international support and engagement to partners beyond the G7, in particular towards emerging markets and developing countries, including through tailor-made just energy transition partnerships. The German G7 Presidency and the UK COP26 Presidency therefore invited G7 countries as well as selected multilateral development banks, UN Organisations, and private sector representatives for a consultation on 16th March 2022 to discuss supporting developing and emerging economies with their just transitions towards climate neutrality.

Participants took note of the G7 Leaders' Statements of 24th February, 11th March and G7 Energy Ministers' Joint Statement of 10th March which recognised the reverberations in international energy markets of Russia's unprovoked and unjustified aggression against Ukraine. Participants agreed one of the most important contributions towards energy security is an accelerated clean energy transition.

Participants reiterated their resolve to implement climate commitments made in Paris and Glasgow across mitigation, adaptation and finance. Furthermore, the latest IPCC report published earlier this month shows once again that the impacts of climate change are already with us and that it will affect us more severely than previously thought, with the most vulnerable being hardest hit. Participants agreed this reinforced the urgency of our collective action on climate change and resolved to take work forward under the German G7 and UK COP26 Presidencies and beyond. This includes delivering on the pledge to double adaptation finance as well as rapid decarbonisation to keep the 1.5°C goal pathway within reach.

The co-chairs were very encouraged by the active engagement of all present, and the clear commitment to delivering on the Glasgow Climate Pact pledges to urgently scale up public and private finance to support developing countries, especially climate vulnerable countries, to take ambitious mitigation and adaptation action.

The Glasgow Climate Pact also recognises the need for urgent action to rapidly phase down coal. In this context, participants discussed how to coordinate international support and mobilise private finance, working in partnership through country-owned platforms, to support an accelerated just energy transition for emerging and developing countries that delivers socio-economic benefits and development opportunities in line with Agenda 2030. This included pushing forward with the implementation of the Just Energy Transition Partnership for South Africa, launched at COP26. They agreed that the success of any future partnerships would be dependent on a strong commitment from partner governments to accelerate their energy transitions within the context of an economy-wide decarbonisation strategy consistent with a 1.5°C pathway. Those present also committed to working closely with any future partner governments to improve the mobilisation of public and private finance

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for these partnerships, noting the need to direct billions of dollars into accelerating energy transitions in order to limit the global temperature rise to 1.5°C.

Speakers recognised that aligning global finance flows with international climate goals, in accordance with Article 2.1c of the Paris Agreement, will be necessary to achieve the required scale of investment in sustainable infrastructure. Towards this end, the G7 is strongly committed to accelerate activities under the Partnership for Infrastructure and Investment and to explore establishing an open, cooperative international Climate Club, consistent with international rules, and with participation beyond the G7. In the context of our discussions with MDBs and private finance representatives, participants acknowledged the interlocking and complementary roles of bilateral, multilateral and private finance in achieving success.

The co-chairs encouraged all present to maintain momentum and move forward with country-level dialogues to develop new Just Energy Transition Partnerships and mobilise finance at scale to support ambitious climate action.