

BELEM DECLARATION ON THE TRANSITION AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS

We, the undersigned, gathered at COP30 in Belém do Pará, reaffirm our shared determination to work collectively towards a just, orderly and equitable transition away from fossil fuels, aligned with pathways consistent with limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C

We *reaffirm* that the best available science must guide the implementation of the transition. We *recall* the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which confirm that fossil fuels are the main drivers of global greenhouse gas emissions and that the projected CO₂ emissions from continued fossil fuel production, licensing, and subsidies are incompatible with limiting the temperature rise to 1.5°C.

We *welcome* the Advisory Opinion (AO) on the obligations of states in respect of climate change from the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

We *acknowledge* that implementing such transition requires coordinated and collective action among States, pursued in good faith and through enhanced, sustained, and continuous cooperation that reflects their respective circumstances, capacities, and needs.

We *recall* the efforts under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement. Particularly, the result of the Global Stocktake (GST-1) conducted in 2023, where countries recognized the need to transition away from fossil fuels in a just, orderly and equitable manner, accelerating action in this critical decade.

At the same time, we *acknowledge* that accelerating the transition and addressing the role of fossil fuels in climate change will require complementary efforts and initiatives

In this sense, we *support* the call to advance a roadmap for the transition away from fossil fuels to scale-up collective action and implementation.

We *recognize* that the transition away from fossil fuels can consider, among others:

- The diverse national circumstances, capacities, responsibilities, and starting points.

- The importance of rapidly scaling up renewable energy and energy efficiency to replace fossil fuel-based energy capacity.
- The need to support workers and vulnerable communities, in countries dependent on fossil fuel industries, through reskilling, economic diversification, and social protection measures, and that such actions should promote sustainable development, respect Indigenous Peoples' rights, innovation, and resilient societies.
- The importance of enabling conditions, including financial, technological and technical capacities, to advance a global, just, and equitable transition, that responds to national contexts and addresses the needs of vulnerable communities.
- The need for strengthened international cooperation, including concerted efforts to make the global financial architecture more inclusive, responsive, and supportive of creating fiscal space and improving access to non-debt-creating finance for developing countries.
- The importance of promoting diversified, resilient, and inclusive economies that reduce structural dependence on fossil fuel revenues and importation, foster innovation, and ensure decent work and sustainable livelihoods for all.
- The need to phase-out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies as soon as possible.

We *highlight* the need for new complementary initiatives, and for their articulation with ongoing efforts, and in this spirit, we *welcome* the initiative of Colombia to host an international conference in April, 2026, as a platform to advance the dialogues to accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels after COP30.