OPEN LETTER TO THE COP31 PRESIDENCIES

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To: H.E. Murat Kurum, COP31 President
The Hon Chris Bowen MP, COP31 President of Negotiations

Dear Ministers Kurum and Bowen,

As COP31 draws to a close, you are on course to preside over one of the most disappointing COPs the UNFCCC has ever had. You have hours left to change that, and to save this COP from becoming a low point of three decades of climate negotiations.

Türkiye and Australia both enthusiastically put their hands up for these roles. Yet your shared presidency has diluted leadership and vision. Those blocking progress appear to have met no resistance from you as the leaders meant to be the stewards of this COP. The EU in particular is obstructing progress on finance, the just transition and adaptation at the summit.

The Global South is being abandoned and the promise that Pacific Pre-COP would deliver a more ambitious COP31 so far has not been met. As G20 members, Australia and Türkiye could have lined up countries on finance but you didn't deliver. Developed countries have blocked progress across the negotiations and arrived with no new finance commitments. Without finance, communities on every frontline will be sacrificed.

The major cause of the climate crisis - coal, oil and gas - fails to rate a mention. The draft cover text is a gift to the fossil fuel industry, with carbon capture featured prominently. We recognize your desire to keep the electrification pledge in the text, but it cannot come with false solutions. It has all the hallmarks of a deal to let carbon capture through in exchange for an electrification target that does not even require renewables-based electricity or ensures access for the people who need it most. None of this is defensible.

Australia promised the Pacific they would uphold 1.5°C, then failed to engage meaningfully on finance and a transition away from fossil fuels here. More than 80 countries backed a roadmap away from fossil fuels in Belém. Since then, momentum has grown through the Santa Marta Conference, and 27 countries have now announced or published TAFF roadmaps. Last week, the COP30 Presidency presented its global roadmap, and Parties and civil society called for your leadership to carry it forward.

In the hours that remain, we call on you to salvage what you can by:

1. **Removing the quantified target carbon capture utilisation and storage** in paragraph 36(h) as well as the paragraphs 33 and 34 of the second draft cover decision.

2. Restoring the substance of former paragraph 106 in paragraph 68 of the present iteration, ensuring that it **upholds Indigenous Peoples' distinct, collective and inherent rights, including self-determination, free, prior and informed consent and securing and recognising land tenure**, drawing on paragraph 12 (i) of Decision 2.CMA/7.

3. **Ensuring a process for accountability towards public climate finance obligations,** including through a delivery plan for 120B on adaptation finance

4. Restoring the language (Paragraph 66 - formerly paragraph 120) that explicitly **welcomes the ICJAO and UNGA resolution**.

5. Linking Paragraphs 28 and 36(d) on **electrification to renewable sources and the transition away from fossil fuels**. Without this link, the target risks supporting additional electricity demand while leaving fossil fuel dependence intact.

In addition, we ask you to **take forward the COP30 roadmap on transitioning away from fossil fuels**, with the COP30 and COP32 Presidencies, through to the second Global Stocktake external to the consensus process, as a Presidency-led Dialogue.

Otherwise Ethiopia will unfairly be left to carry the burden of your failure into COP32.

You asked for this job. You have a few hours left to do it.

Sincerely,

1. 350.org
2. A Sud - Italia
3. Africa Just Transition Network (AJTN)
4. African Climate Platform (ACP)
5. Aid Life Learn Environment
6. Aimara Institute for Environmental Advocacy and Education
7. ARAYARA International Institute
8. Asociación Ciudadana por los Derechos Humanos
9. Australian Conservation Foundation
10. Australian Youth Climate Coalition
11. Austrian Alliance for Climate Justice
12. Bargny Coast Waterkeeper Senegal
13. Biomass Action Network (BAN)
14. Caravane Africaine pour la Justice Climatiqu
15. Care About Climate
16. Caritas Philippines
17. Catholic Rural Youth Movement Germany (KLJB Deutschlands e.V.)
18. Center for Energy, Ecology, and Development (CEED), Philippines
19. CEUS Chile
20. CIDSE
21. ClimaTalk
22. Climate Action Network Africa
23. Climate Action Network Australia
24. Climate Action Network Europe
25. Climate Action Network France (Réseau Action Climat)
26. Climate Action Network Latin America
27. Climate and Health Alliance
28. Climate Justice Flotilla
29. Climate Trace Puerto Rico
30. CNCD-11.11.11
31. Co-ordination Office of the Austrian Bishops' Conference for International Cooperation and Global Church
32. Common Threads Indigenous Peoples Organisation
33. CORAP, DRC
34. Derecho Ambiente y Recursos Naturales DAR
35. Dutch Caribbean Climate Social Justice Network
36. EM Foundation
37. Environmental Rights Action

38. European Network on Debt and Development
39. Foro Internacional de Inversión en Juventud
40. Forum des Engagés pour le Développement Durable (FORED -RDC)
41. Fossil Free Wider Caribbean Network
42. Fridays For Future Uganda
43. Fundação SOS Mata Atlântica
44. Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (FARN)
45. Germanwatch
46. Greenpeace International
47. Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)
48. Home of Sibuyan Island Peoples (BSI)
49. Ikua4Change
50. Initiative for Social Performance in Renewable Energy (INSPIRE)
51. Instituto Árvores Vivas para Conservação e Cultura Ambiental (Living Trees Institute)
52. Instituto Democracia e Sustentabilidade - IDS Brasil
53. Interamerican Association forEnvironmental Defense (AIDA)
54. Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement
55. Kilómetro uno
56. Klima-Allianz Deutschland
57. Klimadelegation
58. Latin American Youth Climate Scholarship (LAYCS)
59. Laudato Si' Movement
60. Leave It In The Ground Initiative (LINGO)
61. Living Laudato Si' Philippines
62. Loss and Damage Youth Coalition
63. Ludwig Maximilians Universität
64. Lunhaw Integral Ecology Ministry - Diocese of San Carlos
65. Manila Observatory
66. Menafem Movement
67. Movimiento Ciudadano Frente al Cambio Climatico - MOCICC
68. Norwegian Society for the Conservation of Nature
69. Observatório do Clima
70. Odeibea Foundation
71. Oil Change International
72. Parents For Future Italia
73. Parents for Future Nigeria
74. Peru4Climate
75. Pimp My Carroça
76. Plan International Australia
77. Plateforme des acteurs de la société civile pour la transition énergétique (PACTEJ), Senegal
78. Protect Verde Island Passage (Protect VIP)
79. Re-Earth Initiative
80. REACCIONA A.C.
81. Red Ecofeminista Latinoamericana y del Caribe
82. Red Latinoamericana y del Caribe por Justicia Económica, Social y Climática (LATINDADD)
83. Saarland for Future
84. Shifting Advocacy
85. Südwind, Austria
86. Support to Life (STL)
87. Sustain267
88. Swiss Youth for Climate
89. The Australia Institute
90. Tierra Nuestra (iniciativa juvenil socioambiental de Abya Yala)
91. Transforma
92. United for Climate Justice
93. WECF International
94. World's Youth for Climate Justice
95. WWF International
96. Youth and Environment Europe (YEE)
97. Youth Council for Climate and Sustainability Baden-Württemberg, Germany
98. Youth for Climate Hope Philippines
99. Youth Strike 4 Climate Philippines
100. Zero Waste Alliance Ireland