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Mr. Jeremy WATES

Secretary General

Dear Secretary General,

In response to your letter entitled *Choosing the Right Path at this Turning Point in History*, I would like to thank you for conveying the message of the numerous environmental and human citizens' organizations concerning the need to implement proportionate and bold measures in light of the current energy and humanitarian crisis.

Nowadays, more than ever, it is necessary to take appropriate actions in order to stand in solidarity with Ukraine and its citizens, as well as respect our energy and climate commitments enshrined in the National Energy and Climate Plan and National Resilience and Recovery Plan, while ensuring a just transition at all times.

Romania is an active part of the global effort to combat climate change. In the medium-to-long term, it is important that we diversify the sources and transport routes of energy supply, in order to reduce our dependence on fossil-fuel imports originating from the Russian Federation.

At the same time, we shall keep investing in new low-carbon and renewable energy capabilities, as well as increasing energy efficiency and interconnections, based on the rapid expansion and implementation of all available and innovative technologies, for enhanced security and prosperity for the years to come.

Therefore, the importance of a global energy dialogue has never been higher than at present, when so many uncertainties surround the energy market, calling for institutional coordination and the promotion of synergies. Fighting climate change should be a collaborative and solidary effort and nations must rise to the challenge by working, intelligently and diligently, with all stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister

