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Distinguished Colleagues,

Ladies and Gentleman,

The negative impacts of climate change in Iran are significant. The environment, people, and economy have suffered from climate change. This situation has brought the climate change at the top of our priorities in Iran. The Government has national adaptation and resilience as well as GHG emission reduction programs, especially in the energy sector.

The Islamic republic of Iran as the party 10 the UNFCCC, also has signed the Paris Agreement and the Parliament is considering the respective legislation for ratification of the PA. We are very much of the hope that the process for ratification to be finalized very soon in a way.

This very important meeting should address the challenges in reaching the goals of the UNFCCC, the PA along with the national contributions including NDCs, identify, and elaborate the ways and means to resolve them. The most challenging obstacle in implementing the Convention and PA, and as such realization of their internationally agreed goals is: lack of means of implementation for the developing countries, including finance, technology transfer and capacity building. In this context, political factors, especially the most affecting factor which is unilateral coercive sanctions and embargoes imposed on the members, have constituted the major obstacle in implementation of the commitments, plans and programs by the members under the convention and the PA.

The meeting should produce a set of very concrete proposals to address and resolve the above-mentioned challenges and obstacles and help developing countries to have access to predictable, reliable and sufficient support in terms of finance and technology transfers.

Now is the time for urgent action on the part of all the inhabitants of the planet, and ensuring a healthy and meaningful life for the next generation is the main motivating factor that must be given human priority.

Today, more than ever before in human history, young people are in touch with each other and with their planet. As we know, we are fighting to save mankind from real extinction and we need the policymakers of this planet to reach this collective understanding. The climate has changed today, so we, as young parliamentarians, need the immediate adoption and implementation of climate policies around the world.

Last, but not the least, I would like once again reiterate the especial circumstances of Iran under the current illegal, injustice, unilateral and unprecedented and coercive sanctions and reemphasize that the Islamic republic of Iran without having access to the means of implementation would not be able to address the climate change issues or deliver for its national adaptation and mitigations plans and programs.