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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Step Up International Efforts to Promote Climate Justice and Commend the Results of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP) 28 Climate Summit

The holding of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the "climate summit", at its twenty-eighth session, held in the United Arab Emirates in November 2023, was a very important event in terms of achieving climate justice, strengthening its link and its direct effects on human rights. The decisions and results of the summit were considered one of the greatest achievements at international level, particularly in terms of international work on climate protection for almost thirty years, praising the key and central role played by all UN bodies and institutions in promoting environmental rights, in particular the UN Human Rights Council, and its efforts to promote global attention to climate justice issues, and to protect the most affected countries and humanitarian communities from the negative consequences of climate change, or the limitation of their human rights and the negative impact on their quality of life and the security of their environment.

As representatives of civil society, we welcome the achievements of the climate summit at its twenty-eighth session, as well as the efforts made by the United Arab Emirates to reach major and crucial decisions that contribute to the development and implementation of many programs related to the significant and serious consequences of climate change on the world, and to address all the challenges and risks posed by climate change on the most vulnerable and fragile human societies, and the adoption of many effective and efficient solutions to the problems faced by the world in terms of climate change and thermal emissions, and the reduction of negative human interventions on the global climate and environmental system, which means that the "UAE Climate Agreement" is an essential driving force on the road to effective climate action to preserve humanity and the planet, address the consequences of climate change and reduce carbon emissions, exceed the targets of the twenty-eighth session of the climate conference, and avoid a global temperature rise of 1.5 degrees Celsius, while providing the resources and allocating the investments needed to achieve these goals.

In this context, we underline the importance of working towards the development of executive and supervisory mechanisms linked to the follow-up of the implementation of the decisions and outcomes of the twenty-eighth session of the climate summit, in particular with regard to the reduction of negative practices affecting climate change, and of providing the necessary financial resources to ensure better protection of the planet and a safer environment for human communities, stressing the need for countries to honor their commitments and pledges made at the summit, for all countries, governments, businesses and civil society institutions to strengthen their efforts to make the most of this opportunity to work for climate protection and improve the living conditions of the countries and communities most affected.

We would also like to underline the importance of the historic agreement reached under the aegis of the United Arab Emirates, under which the countries guarantee an effective response to achieve the main objectives of the conference, i.e. "accelerating climate action", creating the world's largest investment fund for climate change solutions, allocating more than 85 billion dollars in additional financial commitments, achieving the highest level of pledges for climate protection and neutralising negative interventions for all parties, particularly with regard to pledges to double dependence on renewable energy, develop sustainable food and agricultural systems, health and climate, climate finance, and the Coalition For High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships, taking into account gender equality in transitions supporting climate action, reducing emissions from the oil and gas sector, in addition to the Declaration on Climate, Relief, Recovery and Peace, and achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

Based on these elements, we formulate the following recommendations:

- Continue the work of the Human Rights Council to promote climate justice, thereby contributing to climate protection and building the capacity of States and human communities to avoid the negative effects of climate change.
- Work to build on the United Arab Emirates' success in hosting the Climate Conference and lead the world to adopt the "UAE Climate Consensus" as a key driver for effective climate action to safeguard people and the planet.
- Work towards the development of an international mechanism to monitor the decisions, outcomes, commitments and initiatives of the Climate Conference at its twenty-eighth session in the United Arab Emirates, and ensure the commitment of countries to respect them and honour their commitments and initiatives related to supporting the most affected countries and promoting climate justice.
- Work to build on the successes achieved in establishing the United Arab Emirates' "Climate Fund", and urge countries to make their contributions to the fund in order to close the climate finance gap and support climate solutions.
- Uphold the pioneering role played by the United Arab Emirates in organising the Climate Conference and urge countries to take decisive and comprehensive decisions to protect the climate and promote climate justice within a humane approach.
- Stress the importance of strengthening international mobilisation to protect the climate and spare the countries and communities most affected by the negative effects of climate change.

Union Society for Human Rights, NGO(s) without consultative status, also share the views expressed in this statement.