REMARKS
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At the same time, we must ensure that this upheaval is fast enough – with
to drive down carbon emissions --

<u>"Disrupting" the System to Reap the Benefits.</u>

To do that, we must   the historic energy systems, which are often deeply
ingrained into the fabric of countries.

Doing so will create a "petri dish"

An accelerated energy transition offers a massive 40% of the emission reductions we
need to meet our   .[1]

More than 30 million jobs could be created in clean energy, energy efficiency and low-
emissions technologies by the year 2030.[2]

This new access to clean energy

.[3]

For regions like sub-Saharan Africa where half of second-level schools have no power and
healthcare centres grind to a halt due to lack of electricity -- new momentum will help to
literally turn on the lights.[4]

For others, renewable, clean energy will increase access to vital services like

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As the UN's lead development agency, the United Nations Development Programme is
itself making an   .

UNDP's own   pledges to provide access to clean and affordable energy
to 500 million   by 2025, focusing on the world's most vulnerable
communities.

And we will build on initiatives already underway.

Look, for instance to the   that improves the financial
viability of renewable energy mini-grids in 18 countries. It has the potential to close the
energy gap for 570 million people without electricity in sub-Saharan Africa.[5]

<u>Closing</u>

Mr. Secretary-General,

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our current energy system is the leading cause of the climate crisis

And at this time of an unprecedented crisis, we all need to

That means prioritising cooperation and "co-investment" to create a green, more
inclusive, and more sustainable future -- for both people   planet.

For better or for worse -- we will be judged if we do not seize the opportunity and
openings that now lie before us.

Thank you.

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[5] Other example: **Solar for Health programme** brings clean, reliable, and affordable energy to 900 health facilities in
13 countries