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Excellencies,
Distinguished Participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the Secretary-General of the Dialogue, it is my great honor to deliver a statement at this Leadership Dialogue on accelerating action to achieve universal energy access and net zero emissions.

I am pleased to greet the heads of state and government, and representatives of all Member States, acknowledging in particular the

organizations.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Energy is central to both achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

While we have made significant progress, without urgent action, the world will fall short of achieving SDG 7 and net-zero emissions.

We need collective action on energy across sectors to deliver scaled-up and broad impact.

First, a global roadmap should be established to guide our collective efforts towards achieving SDG 7 and net-zero emissions.

Key elements of the roadmap are clear.

Closing the energy access gap to provide access to electricity for the 760 million people worldwide who lack it and ensure clean cooking solutions for the 2.6 billion people still relying on harmful fuels.

Accelerating energy transition to address climate change.

Tripling finance and investment for clean energy solutions.

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Ramping up clean energy technology research, development and deployment.

Second, we must leverage

