Ms. Patricia Espinosa
Executive Secretary
UNFCCC

Excellency,

I have the honor to inform you that, in order to further contribute to achieving the long-term temperature goal set out in Article 2 of the Paris Agreement, the Brazilian Government decided to anticipate its indicative long-term objective of achieving a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases (reaching climate neutrality) to 2050.

As you will recall, the Brazilian Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) submitted on 9 December 2020 stated it was compatible with a long-term objective of reaching climate neutrality by 2060. It also recognised the possibility of adopting a more ambitious long-term objective at an appropriate moment. The Brazilian Government decided to raise its ambition by anticipating in one decade its long-term objective, to 2050, as part of the efforts that all Parties to the Paris Agreement should undergo to limit the increase in the global average temperature to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change. This decision was taken on the basis of equity and in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty.

Kindly accept this letter as a formal communication to the UNFCCC Secretariat of the Brazilian decision to raise its climate ambition under the Paris Agreement. The Brazilian Government will in due course submit an updated version of its NDC that is compatible with the new long-term objective.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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