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TALKING NOTES FOR POSSIBLE USE BY

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MOBILISING FINANCE FOR CLIMATE ACTION: POLICIES TO UNLOCK DEMAND FOR HIGH - INTEGRITY CARBON CREDITS

THE RELEASE OF THE JOINT STATEMENT AND LAUNCH OF THE POLICY PLAYBOOK
(5 MINUTES)

ON THE SIDELINES OF COP31, ANTALYA, TUKIYE
THURSDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER 2026 09:30-11:00 HOURS

SINGAPORE PAVILION

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- **DR. LINDY FURSMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND MASTER OF CEREMONIES, SECRETARIAT FOR THE COALITION TO GROW CARBON MARKETS;**
- **FELLOW HONOURABLE MINISTERS PRESENT;**
- **DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES;**
- **LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

- AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE SHARED PRINCIPLES FOR GROWING HIGH-INTEGRITY USE OF CARBON CREDITS AT COP-30, THIS LAUNCH OF THE ANTALYA STATEMENT AND POLICY PLAYBOOK ARE CRITICAL MILESTONES FOR THE CARBON MARKETS;

- WE NEED TO INJECT URGENCY FOR CLIMATE ACTION NOW AND THE ROLE THAT CARBON CREDIT MARKETS CAN PLAY IN UNLOCKING CLIMATE FINANCE TO FACILITATE THIS URGENCY CAN NOT BE OVER-EMPHASISED;

- IT IS IMPORTANT THAT AS GOVERNMENTS, WE TAKE LEADERSHIP IN BUILDING CONFIDENCE FOR CORPORATE INVESTMENTS IN THE MARKET;

- THE COALITION SHOWS HOW FOCUSED GROUPS OF GOVERNMENTS CAN ACCELERATE PROGRESS ON CLIMATE ACTION IN PARALLEL TO MULTILATERAL CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATIONS;

- AS WE CONVENE TODAY TO MARK THE LAUNCH OF THE ANTALYA STATEMENT AND POLICY PLAYBOOK, I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON THEIR STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE;

- ZAMBIA SEES THE PLAYBOOK AS A CRITICAL BRIDGE TO POLICY IMPLEMENTATION;

- "ZAMBIA IS PROUD TO SIGN THE ANTALYA STATEMENT ON MOBILISING PRIVATE FINANCE FOR CLIMATE ACTION;

- GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP TO UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL OF CARBON CREDIT MARKETS IS NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER, AND COP31 IS THE MOMENT TO DRIVE CHANGE;

- THE POLICY PLAYBOOK WILL BE A KEY DRIVER OF THE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION NEEDED TO DELIVER THRIVING CARBON CREDIT MARKETS THAT SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT;

- ZAMBIA IS ALREADY TAKING POLICY ACTION ALIGNED WITH THE GUIDANCE IN THE PLAYBOOK THROUGH THE GREEN ECONOMY AND CLIMATE CHANGE ACT AND THE CARBON MARKET REGULATIONS;

- THESE REGULATIONS HAVE BUILT A CLEAR AND PREDICTABLE LEGAL FRAMEWORK, WHICH HAS PROVIDED A CONDUSIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT AND WE DETERMINED TO KEEP IMPROVING OUR BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT;

- TO US, THE PLAYBOOK GOES BEYOND PREVIOUS RESOURCES TO OUTLINE WHAT IMPLEMENTATION LOOKS LIKE IN DIFFERENT NATIONAL CONTEXTS;

- IT BUILDS ON THE SHARED PRINCIPLES, AND TRANSLATES THIS FRAMEWORK INTO PRACTICAL POLICY LEVERS TO UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL OF CARBON CREDITS IN SUPPORT OF CLIMATE ACTION;

- EFFECTIVE POLICY FOR CARBON CREDIT MARKETS MUST BE LOCALLY ANCHORED TO DOMESTIC OBJECTIVES, WHILE ALSO CONTRIBUTING TO GLOBALLY CONNECTED MARKETS;

- INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION HELPS TO BUILD CONSISTENCY ACROSS NATIONAL APPROACHES, MOBILISING MORE FINANCE, MORE QUICKLY, TO SUPPORT CLIMATE POSITIVE GROWTH ;

- I ENCOURAGE FELLOW COUNTRIES TO JOIN THE COALITION, AND HELP REALISE THE TRANSFORMATIONAL POWER OF CARBON CREDIT MARKETS TO DRIVE DEEPER DECARBONISATION AND CREATE NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES;

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION