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REMARKS TO MEDIA WITH H.E. MR. MARTIN LIDEGAARD,
MINISTER OF CLIMATE, ENERGY AND BUILDING

Copenhagen, 23 October 2013

8:45

Minister Lidegaard,
Good morning, Ladies + gentlemen, Good day.

This visit to Denmark has been extremely valuable on many issues, but most of all, on advancing action on climate change and sustainable development.

I just met with Minister Lidegaard.

Yesterday, I met with finance and pension fund leaders and participated in the Global Green Growth Forum. (3 & H)

Later today, I will speak on climate financing and I will help launch our global Energy Efficiency Hub here in Copenhagen.

explain in more detail.

The hub is central to my Sustainable Energy for All Initiative that aims to vastly improve access to modern energy and double efficiency and the use of renewables by 2030.

It will work in both developed and developing countries to mobilize financial resources, disseminate best practices and expand networks among private and public stakeholders.

All these events are critical for building support for action on climate change and sustainable development.

(*) We have 3 deadlines in 2015.

World leaders have established 2015 as the year for achieving the Millennium Development Goals, finalizing a global legal climate change agreement and defining a post-2015 development agenda.

The agenda's goal will be to eradicate extreme poverty.

Sustainable development will be its guide and principle.

How we produce, use, save and share energy will be critical to success on sustainable development and addressing climate change.

Next year, I will host a ^{Change} Climate Summit in September for global leaders from government, business, finance and civil society to generate greater action and ambition.

I will ask leaders to bring solutions and initiatives with goals, deliverables and investment plans.

I will ask leaders of the world to raise their level of ambition, demonstrate political leadership.

I expect many of these solutions to emerge from the Global Green Growth Forum, and from the business and finance leaders who have gathered here this week.

I have challenged the finance and investment community to help make the transformation to a low carbon economy.

This is in the long-term interest of all.

Every day's delay increases the risk to people and the planet.

**We will count the cost in human lives
and increased economic volatility.**

But there is an alternative.

Climate action.

**Investment in sustainable development can be a win-win
for rich and poor alike.**

That is why, over the course of the coming year we should all do our utmost to unlock the barriers to climate finance that exist across the global economy.

This week's events are part of that effort, and I thank the Government and people of Denmark for their strong leadership in this area.

Thank you.

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