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## HH QATAR EMIR SHAIKH TAMIM MAKES A REMARKABLE SPEECH AT UN CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT

### AND ANNOUNCE PLEDGE OF \$ 100M AID

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The Climate Action Summit 2019 convened by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres focused on mobilizing political and economic energy at the highest levels to improve climate action that will help in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development. Addressing the leaders from all over the world at the Climate Action Summit, Sheikh Tamim said that all the states must understand their responsibilities and honour their commitments done by active participation in international agreements. In the speech delivered, Qatar's Emir highlighted his country's work with the World Bank to lead the coalition on finance. He announced the plans of Qatar's government to provide \$100 Million per year for mitigation and align private and public finance with Paris Agreement goals, and help other countries in contributing towards the enhancement of climatic conditions globally.

### WORLD CUP FIFA 2022 WIL BE CARBON NEUTRAL AS AN ACTIVE CONTRIBUTOR TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

Excellency, the Emir Sheikh Tamim, also insisted on the idea of Carbon neutrality, revealing that the 2022 FIFA World Cup will be the first carbon-neutral tournament in the world following its vision to be an active contributor in fighting climate change globally. The other ecological approach in the same path of fighting climate change, Qatar's airport industry has built Hamad International Airport that keeps a strong check on CO2 emissions. His Excellency, the Emir Sheikh Tamim also spoke about Qatar's vision to maintain proper check on the air quality of the country. Keeping in line with the vision of the Qatar's Emir, the country uses compressed natural gas (CNG) as a fuel in the transport sector. The launch of the electric bus project promotes sustainable transport in the country and aids in achieving integration with the Doha Metro Project. We are publishing the full text of the speech address by Excellency Sheikh Tamim at the Climate Action Summit and we shall highlight the major points that are stressed by Excellency Sheikh Tamim who is in line with the National Vision 2030 of Qatar, focusing on the issue of climate change and the need to play main role in assessing and mitigating the negative consequences. In that context, Previously in 2012, Qatar hosted the 18th session of the Conference of State parties to UN framework Convention on Climate Change and Doha Carbon & Energy Forum, bringing together international experts to advance their not only recommendations for the energy sector and for government on climate change, but also their action proposals..

Here's the full text of Excellency the Shaikh's Tamim Emir of Qatar speech: -----« In the Name of God the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate Your Excellency President Emmanuel Macron, Your Excellency Prime Minister Andrew Holness, Ladies and Gentlemen, at the outset, it gives me pleasure to thank His Excellency the United Nations

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, for his appreciated efforts in preparing and organizing this important summit. » introduces HH Shaikh Tamim, Emir of Qatar. He continues on : « The phenomenon of climate change is undoubtedly one of the serious challenges of our time. It is a problem that is continuously exacerbating and causing many problems which intertwine in their economic, environmental and social dimensions and have very serious negative repercussions on all forms of life including human life and on both developed and developing countries alike, especially on the tracks of the sustainable development which all peoples aspire to. » explains HH Shaikh Tamim, Emir of Qatar. « This serious phenomenon makes it incumbent upon the international community to cooperate and double efforts to confront it and reduce its repercussions. It is sufficient for us to look at the devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas and the suffering of its population to realize the dire need for such cooperation.

All states must fulfill their responsibilities and honor their commitments which international agreements have established to this effect. Honorable Audience, » acknowledges HH Shaikh Tamim, Emir of Qatar.

#### THE STATE OF QATAR AS AN ACTIVE PARTNER HOSTED IN 2012 THE 18TH UNFCCC DOHA CARBON ENERGY FORUM-----

HH Shaikh Tamim, Emir of Qatar, declares: The State of Qatar has assumed its responsibility as an active partner in the international community to confront the climate change phenomenon. In 2012, it hosted the Eighteenth Session of the Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Doha Carbon and Energy Forum, in which international experts participated to develop public policy recommendations for this sector and for governments on climate change and alternative energy, and carbon capture and storage. The State of Qatar has also spared no effort to ensure the success of negotiations of the Paris Climate Agreement in 2015. » « At the national level, the State of Qatar - in the light of its National Vision 2030 - has taken many measures to develop technologies taking into consideration climate change and adoption of clean energy, through the optimal use of water in order to reduce the loss of desalinated water, encouragement of recycling and reuse of water, improving air quality, promoting the efficiency of using gas and energy, waste recycling and increasing green spaces. » acknowledges HH Shaikh Tamim, Emir of Qatar. He then stresses on the long term actions « In the same context, and to achieve our long-term environmental goals, the State of Qatar has prepared a set of fixed goals, the most important of which are those related to renewable energy to generating 200 megawatts from solar energy within the next two years which will increase to 500 megawatts afterwards, and we are seeking to regulate carbon pricing as a means of reducing emissions and driving investments towards cleaner options. »

THE FIFA WORLD CUP 2022 WILL BE THE 1ST CARBON NEUTRAL « We, as hosting country of FIFA World Cup 2022, are committed to organizing an environment-friendly tournament and the first "carbon neutral" tournament through the use of solar-powered stadiums and the use of cooling and lighting technology that is water and energy-saving », acknowledges HH Shaikh Tamim, Emir of Qatar.-----

#### QATAR SOEVRIGN WEALTH FUND WILL PROMOTE GREEN INVESTMENTS & ADOPT LOW CARBON ECONOMIC GROWTH-----

« I would also like to point out that Qatar Sovereign Wealth Fund assumes an active role in combating climate change, through Qatar Investment Authority, a founding member of the "One Planet" Global Sovereign Wealth Fund, which has been established in accordance with the initiative of HE President Macron to promote green investments and accelerate efforts to take into account climate change issues in the investment sector and management of sovereign wealth funds. Qatar Sovereign Wealth Fund will promote and encourage green investments activities and adopt low-carbon economic growth, which helps realize climate goals of the Paris Agreement, support the Sustainable Development Goals and allocate investments in sustainable natural resources. » acknowledges HH Shaikh Tamim, Emir of Qatar. Then he concludes : « Ladies and Gentlemen, Within the framework of the State of Qatars keenness to assume its role as an active partner with the international community I announce the State of Qatars contribution of an amount of \$100 million for the support of small developing island states and the least developed states to deal with the climate change, natural hazards, environmental challenges and to build the capacity to counter their destructive effects. In conclusion, I wish to this summit success and the achievement of its desired goals for the good of humanity. »

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