



**Virtual briefing to update on preparations for COP26 with
the Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP, COP26 President Designate, and H.E. António
Guterres, UN Secretary-General**
February 8th, 2021, 10.00-11.30 am

- Let me begin by thanking the United Kingdom for convening this meeting, as well as the participation of the President Designate of the COP26 and the UN Secretary-General.

Dear colleagues,

- Today more than ever, our efforts should focus on a green, sustainable and inclusive recovery, hand in hand with a renewed climate change commitment.
- We must reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by 2030 and achieve climate neutrality by 2050.
- I welcome your efforts to hold periodic virtual meetings.
- These actions contribute to keep climate ambition and commitment as a top priority for all countries.
- It will also allow us to advance in the discussions on transparency and carbon markets.
- For Colombia is essential to finalize the pending rules and procedures to make the Paris Agreement fully operational.
- It is time to begin deliberations on the new collective quantified climate finance goal to reach an agreement before 2025, as mandated.

Dear colleagues,

- Last December, Colombia presented its updated NDC (Nationally Determined Contribution) to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 51% by 2030.
- This goal will require a great effort from all sectors and stakeholders of our society.

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- Also, we are counting on other countries, especially big emitters, to present their commitments.
- We rely on your strong leadership to advance in this direction towards COP26, with a concrete roadmap of work in 2021.
- To conclude, I would like to reassure Colombia's determination to contribute to the environment and sustainable development agenda.
- This is one of the highest priorities of my country.

Thank you.