



MINISTÉRIO DAS RELAÇÕES EXTERIORES

Brasília, 8 December 2020

To: Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC

Dear Ms. Espinosa,

We have the honour to present, attached to this letter, the Nationally Determined Contribution of Brazil, in compliance with its obligations under the Paris Agreement. In this document, Brazil commits to **economy-wide absolute greenhouse gas emission reductions of 37% in 2025 and of 43% in 2030, always with reference to 2005.**

2. Brazil presented its intended Nationally Determined Contribution under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (iNDC) on 28 September 2015, before the adoption of the Paris Agreement. When Brazil presented its instrument of ratification of the Paris Agreement on 21 September 2016, its iNDC became Brazil's First Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), consistent with the provisions of Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 22. Following the provisions of paragraph 23 of the same Decision, the commitments presented now replace the preceding ones and become Brazil's new First Nationally Determined Contribution.

3. The clarifications above are necessary because, as is well known, the **Paris Agreement was negotiated on the assumption that it would enter into force in 2020. Since the treaty came into effect much earlier than originally foreseen,** the transitional provisions established in paragraphs 22 to 24 of Decision 1/CP.21 lost much of their relevance, and may lend themselves to misunderstandings. This is even more so in the rare cases of countries that, like Brazil, have presented targets for 2025, and whose First NDC is therefore regulated by paragraph 23 of the said COP Decision.

4. In view of the foregoing, Brazil kindly requests that this letter be displayed in the NDC registry of the UNFCCC web site, together with Brazil's new First Nationally Determined Contribution.

Sincerely yours,

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