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Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technical Advice,
Prof. Patrick Verkooijen, CEO of Global Center on Adaptation,
Ms. Janet Rogan, Regional Ambassador for the Middle East and Africa,
COP 26 Team,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamu Alaikum. Peace be upon you.

It gives me immense pleasure addressing you all, although virtually, in this CVF Regional Dialogue for Africa & the Middle East to highlight priorities of this region in tackling climate change. This is the second in a series of regional policy activities convened by the Forum in 2021, co-hosted by Ethiopia as CVF Troika member, in the lead up to COP26 in November in Glasgow.

Excellencies,

2. The dual jeopardy of climate change and COVID19 pandemic have been taking toll on all nations, even more for the climate vulnerable states. This has made us appreciate more the value of effective cooperation and collaboration, as stipulated in SDG17, for realising the aspirations of global peace and prosperity in a sustainable manner.

Ladies and gentlemen,

3. The number and frequency of natural disasters in Africa and the Middle East region have also been on the rise recently. Twin threats of climate change and human induced disasters have made the consequences more devastating in many countries of the region. Natural hazards like water scarcity, sand and dust storms, draughts, deforestation, extinction of wildlife and fauna are just to name a few.

Dear colleagues,

4. Bangladesh, as the Chair of CVF, is continuously striving to advocate and craft better measures and gain accesses to resources for the Forum Members. We are promoting the interests of the CVF globally. In that spirit, we recently hosted the first Climate Vulnerables Finance Summit & the Seventh V20 Ministerial Dialogue Roundtable. Under the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh is pursuing key initiatives like forming a new Parliamentary Forum of the CVF, launching the CVF and V20 Joint Multi-Donor Fund and so on. We are further strengthening our commitment to global goals at the national front through implementing the "Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan" to achieve low-carbon economic growth for optimised prosperity and partnership. Our Vision 2100 is a long-term development plan in a sustainable manner, balancing the development needs and the nature.

Excellencies,

5. Let me conclude with the following thoughts today:

First, let us work together in ensuring that the developed countries fulfil their obligation of the 100 billion dollars annual financing, comprising equal fund for mitigation and adaptation. We also need to work unitedly to ensure that the emitting countries do the needful to contain the temperature rise to 1.5°C. Without arresting the temperature rise, we cannot stop the sea-level rise.

Second, we have to pursue for transfer of green and climate-finance technology to developing and vulnerable countries through North-South, South-South, and Triangular cooperation;

Third, accelerate developing and sharing production and distribution of renewable energy at costs affordable by the CVF countries to ensure that we can leave a habitable planet for the next generation.

I thank you all.

Joy Bangla! Joy Bangabandhu!
