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The Hon. John F. Kerry
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Dear Secretary Kerry,

As negotiation of the post 2020 climate agreement intensifies en route to the Paris Conference of the Parties in December, governments are submitting their preliminary proposals to limit greenhouse gas emissions (and other actions) in the coming decade. These Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) will be at the heart of any new international cooperative climate change framework.

Given the importance of this framework, we have a common interest in INDCs that are successful and synergistic with international regulatory frameworks and the global marketplace. To this end, we believe that INDCs can be strengthened and aligned through consultation and coordination with business to discuss how proposed efforts will affect the economy and environment, where additional initiatives can supplement and add to INDC submissions and to seek advice on how to assess proposals by other nations.

Prior to the Lima Conference, the Major Economies Business Forum (BizMEF) released a set of views on how business could contribute to the development, evaluation and implementation of INDCs. Among BizMEF's recommendations:

- Business has a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise to offer concerning creation and dissemination of innovative technologies and approaches to manage risk and promote opportunities that should be at the very heart of discussions—formal and informal, domestic and international—about what INDCs could achieve.
- Early and continuous involvement of business (and others) will be essential to help understand the feasibility and implications of proposed INDCs. Business can also provide insight on implications of the entire portfolio of proposed INDCs for global commerce, investment, competitiveness and aggregate consequences for emissions and the economy.
- Business has significant experience in measuring, reporting, and verification which will be essential to assess policy impacts, environmental integrity, and comparative effort among nations.

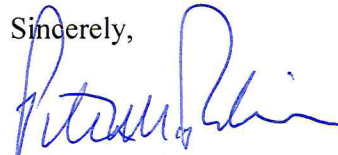
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BizMEF is a partnership of major multi-sectoral business organizations from developed and developing countries, as well as important business sectoral associations. Modeled after the government-to-government Major Economies Forum, BizMEF is a platform for these groups to promote dialogue and exchange views on climate change and energy security across a broad spectrum of business interests including major developed, emerging, and developing economies and to share these views with governments, international bodies, other business organizations, the press, and the public. The United States Council for International Business, is among the 25 partner business entities comprising BizMEF.

Today, we ask you, as other BizMEF members will also be asking their governments, to consult with business going forward to help understand and assess the U.S. INDC, and to help evaluate proposals of other nations.

Sincerely,



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