



Department for
Energy Security
& Net Zero

Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP
Secretary of State

Department for Energy Security & Net
Zero
55 Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HP

Chi Onwurah MP
Chair of the Science, Innovation & Technology Committee
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

12 November 2024

Dear Chi,

ANNOUNCING THE UK'S 2035 NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION

I am writing to update you on the **UK's 2035 Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)** – our emissions reduction pledge under the Paris Agreement. The 1.5°C aligned headline target is a commitment to reduce all greenhouse gas emissions by **at least 81% by 2035, compared to 1990 levels**. This is based on the advice from the Climate Change Committee (CCC). The Prime Minister announced this target at the COP29 on 12 November.

Background

Under the Paris Agreement, all Parties are required to communicate their NDCs to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) every five years. In December 2020, the UK submitted its first NDC to reduce all greenhouse gas emissions by at least 68% by 2030 on 1990 levels. This is a fair and ambitious contribution to global action on climate change, in line with the Paris Agreement temperature goal, and remains in place.

We are now required – between November 2024 and February 2025 - to communicate our next NDC. Coming forward early with an ambitious but credible UK NDC, informed by expert independent advice from the CCC, will help restore the UK's global climate leadership and enhance the prospect of increasing ambition from others.

Our NDC is a clear progression on our previous NDC. In line with the outcomes of the Global Stocktake from COP28, the UK's 2035 NDC is an economy-wide emission reduction target, covering all greenhouse gases, sectors and categories and aligned with limiting global warming to 1.5 °C.

The decision on the UK's NDC is taken by me in my role as the Secretary of State for the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero in consultation with relevant UK Government departments.

Next steps

After announcing the NDC target at COP29, we will formally submit a detailed document explaining the scope, policies and measures underpinning the NDC - known as information to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding (ICTU) to the UNFCCC in early 2025, before the 10 February 2025 deadline. My officials will prepare this document in line with international guidelines.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on delivering the UK Government's climate goals.

Yours ever,

RT HON ED MILIBAND MP
Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero