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Dear Toby,

COP30 Priorities

As Chair of the Environmental Audit Committee, you play an important role in supporting in the UK's ability to meet our Net Zero goals and championing our wider multilateral efforts. Ahead of COP30, I wanted to share the Government's priorities for the summit with your committee; these priorities are being set out today in a Written Statement to Parliament.

Climate action and multilateralism lie at the heart of both UK and global stability and prosperity. It's the key to unlocking lower energy bills, secure energy supply, and quality employment today—while safeguarding the future for generations to come.

These challenges cannot be met in isolation without a collaborative global response, we risk cascading environmental breakdown, forced migration, rising conflict, and widespread food insecurity.

COP30 marks a decade since the Paris Agreement, and we've made real progress—reducing the projected rise in temperatures from 4°C to 2.6°C.. This year, renewables are set to overtake coal as the world's largest source of electricity, and over 80% of global GDP is now covered by net zero targets. The UK's Carbon Budget and Growth Delivery Plan sets out a clear pathway for meeting our climate commitments, reinforcing our role in driving global ambition and implementation.

We know we must continue stepping up on this agenda, because the world remains on a dangerous course and we need to accelerate action. Our headline goal for COP30 is to work with other countries and keep 1.5°C in reach. The UK will collaborate closely with the COP30 Presidency and international partners to drive progress across the following priority areas.

1. Accelerating the global clean energy transition

Building on our mission to deliver lower bills and good jobs for the British people at home by delivering clean power by 2030, at COP30 we will work with others to drive progress towards the goal to triple renewables and double energy efficiency improvement rates globally by 2030.

Through our Global Clean Power Alliance (GCPA), we will work with our partners to turn ambition into action. We've brought together high-ambition countries to tackle two of the biggest barriers to clean energy: finance and supply chains. The GCPA is unlocking private investment to help developing countries build the infrastructure they need for clean power and working with global partners and industry to deliver the supply chain transparency and resilience. We need to protect UK jobs, growth,

and energy security, while supporting countries to capture the value of their resource endowments as the global energy transition accelerates.

We will drive forward progress to tackle super pollutants such as methane which can avert 0.6 degrees of warming by 2050 and have a disproportionate impact on our climate and our health. Combating super pollutants is pulling the handbrake on emissions. We will expand green industry coalitions and partnerships – including the UK-Brazil Hubs - to unlock new investment, commercial and innovation opportunities with fast growing Emerging Markets.

2. Driving ambition and accelerating implementation

COP30 must respond to the 2035 NDCs brought forward so far by recognising the progress made, but also where we need to go further and setting out clear actions to bridge the ambition gap to keep 1.5°C within reach. The UK has led the way with an ambitious 2035 NDC which is economy-wide, covers all greenhouse gases and is 1.5°C aligned and we will continue to urge others to play their part. To accelerate implementation, we will work with Brazil and others, including through UK initiatives such as the Breakthrough Agenda, to streamline and improve international collaboration on climate change through reform of the Global Climate Action Agenda.

3. Protecting forests and nature

As countries gather for a COP in the Amazon, it is vital we step up global and domestic efforts to halt and reverse nature loss. The UK will continue championing the commitment to halt and reverse forest loss by 2030, including through our role as co-chair of the Forest and Climate Leaders' Partnership. We will support Brazil and other forest nations to scale investment in forest-positive economies, including through high-integrity carbon markets, supporting Brazil to develop the Tropical Forest Forever Fund and through support for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities as vital custodians of forest ecosystems.

We will continue to champion the need to protect and mobilise finance for nature. We are creating new national forests and planting record numbers of trees in England – driving investment and creating new jobs across the country.

I know your committee have an interest in marine protection. We will continue to advocate for the important role of the ocean in climate action, in particular the protection and restoration of coastal ecosystems, and the links to wider global efforts to protect the marine environment, such as the BBNJ agreement. We will also promote action and mobilise all sources of finance to protect and restore wider ecosystems on land and in the ocean, including advocating for nature-positive, climate-resilient agriculture and food systems, and forging stronger links between climate and nature action.

I am also aware that climate and nature reporting is a topic of interest to your committee – the UK will continue to advocate for aligned reporting between the three Rio Conventions to help promote integrated action. By integrating climate and nature action, and tackling both together, we're working to keep food prices stable, reducing climate risks and bolstering the supply chains that UK businesses rely on, helping people at home enjoy a safer, stronger, and more prosperous future.

4. Building global resilience to climate impacts

Events like Hurricane Melissa underline the importance of building resilience to increasing climate impacts – the science tells us that climate change is increasing

the intensity of such weather events. COP30 must support adaptation action including through the Global Goal on Adaptation, by finalising a robust and practical set of global indicators to measure global progress on adaptation. At the same time, we must accelerate the development and implementation of National Adaptation Plans so that, ultimately, every country has a clear, actionable adaptation plan.

5. Scaling up finance for the transition

Building on the Baku to Belem roadmap, we will work with others to chart a pathway towards the at least \$1.3 trillion by 2035 called for at COP29. We will continue to push for reform of the financial system so it delivers for the global south. We will harness the UK position as the green finance capital of the world to unlock investment in clean energy, nature and resilience.

We will work with partners to unlock new finance for developing countries through high integrity carbon markets. The UK government will be co-launching at COP30 the shared principles for carbon markets with Singapore and Kenya, which will help unlock demand for high integrity credits.

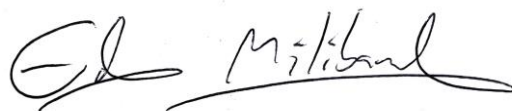
It's critical that countries have the investment needed for adaptation and resilience. Public finance plays a key role. We will deliver our commitment to increase our finance for adaptation to £1.5bn in 2025. But public finance will not be enough and so we are driving a shift to a global economy where resilience is incentivised at every level of investment, in government, business, and by consumers.

We will continue to deploy our own International Climate Finance to accelerate the transition and support others, including meeting our commitment to provide £11.6bn by April 2026.

We will have a strong UK delegation at the summit, with the Prime Minister, the Prince of Wales and myself attending the World Leaders Summit in Belem. As I did last year at COP29 in Baku, I will lead the UK's delegation during the negotiations, supported by Minister White and Minister Creagh.

We are going to COP30 to fight for working people and protect our way of life. We are determined to do everything in our power to accelerate global action to reduce emissions in this decade and keep within reach the 1.5C goal in the Paris Agreement.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Miliband', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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