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Special Remarks

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Distinguished members of the press,

We are in Singapore for the Global Cooling Pledge Assembly. Türkiye will host and preside over the UN Climate Change Conference (COP31), to be held in Antalya from 9 to 20 November 2026. Today, we delivered remarks on behalf of the COP31 Presidency.

As highlighted by our Minister and COP31 President-designate, H.E. Mr. Murat Kurum, we are preparing COP31 as an “Implementation COP”: it is not about generating headlines, but about accelerating implementation; not about declaring intent, but about delivering results. Our objective is to translate climate ambition into concrete, measurable and investable action through strong partnerships and practical initiatives.

Under our COP31 Action Agenda, we have identified ten priority themes, ranging from clean energy to resilient cities and from zero waste to food security, together with six global implementation targets. For buildings, we have developed the Antalya Compact for Energy Efficient Buildings together with the UNEP-hosted Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GlobalABC). The Compact aims to mobilize countries around shared objectives to improve the energy efficiency of buildings.

An international sustainable buildings competition has been launched under our COP31 Presidency, and its awards will be presented at COP31 in Antalya. The competition aims to highlight innovative ideas and to showcase pioneering green building practices from around the world. The award ceremony is planned to take place following the second Ministerial Meeting of the Intergovernmental Council for Buildings and Climate (ICBC), with GlobalABC as its secretariat.

We look forward to welcoming you in Antalya in November, in the true spirit of traditional Turkish hospitality, and to translating words into concrete results together. Thank you.