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REMARKS AT PRE-COP27 DISCUSSIONS

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H.E Prime Minister Jean-Michel Sama Lukonde Kyenge, H.E Ms. Ève Bazaiba Masudi, Minister of the Environment and Sustainable Development, H. E Mr. Sameh Shoukry, Incoming President Designate, COP27

Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen,

Let me start by thanking the Democratic Republic of Congo, under the leadership of President Tshisekedi, for hosting this pre-COP jointly with the COP-27 Presidency, uniting the world for climate action.

We recognize the country's critical role in working to preserve the world's second largest humid tropical forest. And I applaud the leadership of the Democratic Republic of Congo the solutions provided for climate and humanity.

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Sheikh. Governments, civil society, business leaders, local authorities, and scientists will come together under the inclusive tent provided by the United Nations.

Progress that shows that leaders fully comprehend the scale of the emergency we face and the value of COP, as a space where world leaders come together to solve problems and take responsibility

Every moment counts.

It's time to show that we are moving in the right direction.

I look forward to working with you all towards a positive outcome at COP 27.

An outcome that shows our collective commitment to addressing the climate crisis because people, and the children here today, and the planet matter

Thank you.