

**DELEGATION OF CHILE
PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE ON URGENT
CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION
AMBASSADOR IGNACIO LLANOS
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Mr. Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum
Honourable members, dialogue partners and guests

Thank you for allowing me to address this important Roundtable on Urgent Climate Action. .

I would like to make a statement on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile, Mr. Andrés Allamand.

Our delegation is happy to be present at this important meeting, since Chile is part of the Pacific Islands Community, especially through Rapa Nui (Easter Island), sharing significant cultural and historical links with the members of this Forum.

I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our desire to establish a new political and cooperative approach between Chile and the Pacific Islands Forum, where climate change is a relevant common threat.

Climate change is the most serious global challenge that we are facing, now and in the coming decades.

Chile has called for more ambition in climate targets, both for mitigation and adaptation. This is particularly relevant for Small Island Developing States that suffer greatly the consequences of global warming.

As COP25 Presidency, we are contributing to this effort, by leading negotiations in COP25 in Madrid, but also by bringing forward some specific issues that need to be considered.

On ambition, Chile has already presented a new and enhanced NDC earlier this year. The new NDC is an ambitious document, which seeks to reduce emissions in absolute terms by 2030, with a peak in 2025, and assuming these goals as mid-terms objectives towards carbon neutrality by 2050.

At the international level, Chile is building an Alliance for Climate Ambition, incorporating national governments, the private sector, and other non-state actors to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

Let me take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the SIDS countries and many other partners that have supported us in this effort.

In this Race to Net Zero we are now more than 120 countries, 955 companies, 449 cities and 500 universities, covering more than half of the world's GDP.

Chile has also introduced the Ocean as a focus of climate negotiations, as a reflection of our national policies. For example, 42% of the Chilean sea in the Pacific Ocean and 21% of our land areas are today under special environmental protection.

Chile and PIF members share geographic position, culture, values, principles and ideals, as well as our efforts to protect the Ocean.

We hope that this will be another step into a closer relation, where Chile can participate and contribute to our Pacific community.

I thank you