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Minister
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Excellency,

I have the honour of writing to convey my gratitude to you for the recent submission of Panama's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), in accordance with decision 1/CP.21.

The effort made by Panama in preparing an updated NDC during these unprecedented times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, is remarkable. Highly commendable are the accomplishments to strengthen the NDC by transitioning to an emission-based target in the energy sector, the addition of specific activity-based and policy-based targets, and the notable effort to integrate climate action with the Sustainable Development Goals. I have also noted, with thanks, the inclusion of your well-developed and robust communication on adaptation.

Your country's strategic planning and sustained commitment to ambitious climate action and the objectives of the Paris Agreement are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your leadership!

I look forward to our continued cooperation in the months ahead, as we work to secure success at COP 26, and a sustainable and climate-safe future for all.

My best wishes to you for a new year which is healthy, prosperous and full of hope.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Patricia Espinosa