

INTERVENÇÃO DE ABERTURA DO MINISTRO BENTO ALBUQUERQUE NA CO-PRESIDENCIA DO EVENTO DE LANÇAMENTO “BIOFUTURE PLATFORM INITIATIVE” NA CEM11

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DEAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE IEA, FATIH BIROL,

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE CEM COMMUNITY,

IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE AND HONOR TO CO-CHAIR THIS EVENT WITH MY DEAREST FRIEND FATIH BIROL. WE ARE HERE TO LAUNCH THE BIOFUTURE PLATFORM INITIATIVE UNDER THE CEM MINISTERIAL, AN IMPORTANT STEP IN OUR COMMON UNDERTAKING TO GIVE BIOENERGY AND BIOECONOMY THE ATTENTION THEY DESERVE AS IMPORTANT PATHS TO A LOW CARBON FUTURE. OUR TIME IS VERY LIMITED TODAY, SO I WILL CONCENTRATE ON THREE IMPORTANT MESSAGES.

FIRST, I WISH TO RECOGNIZE THE ENORMOUS PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE SINCE 2016. WHEN OUR COUNTRIES CAME TOGETHER THERE WAS AN URGENT NEED TO SCALE UP SUSTAINABLE LOW CARBON BIOENERGY.

TODAY, THANKS TO OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORT – AND ALSO TO IEA’S CLEAR MESSAGE ABOUT THE ROLE OF BIOENERGY – THERE IS AMPLE AGREEMENT ON THE NEED TO PUT IN PRACTICE THE COMMITMENTS OF OUR VISION DECLARATION, WHICH ARE:

- SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SUSTAINABLE MODERN BIOENERGY TO FINAL ENERGY DEMAND;
- SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THE SHARE OF SUSTAINABLE, LOW CARBON BIOFUELS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRANSPORT FUELS (INCLUDING SEA AND AIR TRANSPORT);
- SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE GLOBAL INVESTMENTS IN THE SUSTAINABLE LOW CARBON BIOECONOMY;
- AND MULTIPLY THE EXPENDITURE BY GOVERNMENTS AND INDUSTRY ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN THE BIOECONOMY.

THIS VISION HAS NOW TO BE TRANSLATED INTO REALITY. AND THIS BRINGS ME TO MY SECOND MESSAGE: INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES PROVIDE SUPPORT, IDEAS, AND COOPERATION, BUT REAL PROGRESS HAS TO BE MADE AT THE *NATIONAL* LEVEL. SUSTAINABLE ACCELERATION OF BIOENERGY AND BIOMATERIAL PRODUCTION REQUIRES A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF POLICIES, MEASURES AND REGULATION. IT IS CRUCIAL TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER'S SUCCESSES AND MISTAKES, SO THAT THE BEST AND MOST EFFICIENT POLICIES CAN BE ADAPTED AND REPLICATED AROUND THE WORLD.

BRAZIL HAS A LONG TRADITION ON BIOENERGY AND BIOFUELS. TODAY OUR COUNTRY IS ABLE TO COMPETITIVELY PRODUCE BIOMASS WITH HIGH LEVELS OF SUSTAINABILITY, EFFICIENT USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND AN EXTREMELY LOW CARBON FOOTPRINT.

IN APRIL, BRAZIL CONCLUDED THE REGULATION OF THE RENOVABIO PROGRAM, WHICH PROMOTES INVESTMENT, INNOVATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY BY TYING INCENTIVES TO ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE. CBIOS CREDITS, WHICH ARE LINKED TO EMISSION REDUCTIONS BASED ON LOW CARBON FUELS, ARE ALREADY TRADING IN SÃO PAULO'S STOCK EXCHANGE. THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR OF FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF RENOVABIO. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING ITS RESULTS WITH YOU, ALONG WITH OUR EXPERIENCE ON CERTIFICATION, QUALITY ASSURANCE, FARMING PRACTICES, FARMING RESIDUE USE, AND TECHNOLOGY.

BRAZIL IS NOT ALONE. WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BIOFUTURE PLATFORM HAVE LAUNCHED INNOVATIVE POLICIES AND TARGETS RELATED TO BIOFUELS AND BIOENERGY. THIS FORUM IS THE BEST PLACE TO LEARN FROM NATIONAL EXPERIENCES IN A SYSTEMATIC WAY AND TO REPLICATE THEM.

MY FINAL MESSAGE TODAY IS ABOUT URGENCY. THE LAUNCH OF THE CEM INITIATIVE IS A LANDMARK. THIS WILL TAKE THE AGENDA OF THE SUSTAINABLE LOW CARBON BIOECONOMY TO THE WIDER CEM COMMUNITY, INCREASING THE PLATFORM'S IMPACT AMONG POLICY MAKERS AND REINFORCING PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT.

IT IS HIGH TIME TO GIVE BIOECONOMY A PROMINENT ROLE IN THE ACTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, CLIMATE AND GREEN FINANCE, AND POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY PROGRAMS.

THE NEWLY LAUNCHED FIVE BIOFUTURE PRINCIPLES FOR THE POST-COVID PERIOD SHOULD GUIDE OUR ACTIONS AND BRING TOGETHER GOVERNMENTS, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. I AM CONVINCED THAT TODAY WE ARE TAKING A BIG STEP TOWARDS THIS COMMON GOAL.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH