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Dear Minister,

Ahead of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP24) in Katowice, Poland on 2-14 December 2018 we are writing jointly to seek your support for the Declaration on e-mobility entitled 'Driving Change Together'.

Climate change is having a tremendous negative impact on human welfare, our planet's eco-systems and the global economy. Last month's IPCC report was a stark warning of its potentially devastating effects.

Today the Paris Agreement provides the framework through which we are addressing this issue on an economy-wide scale, and we are striving for its full implementation at the COP24 in Katowice. At the same time, it is valuable to accelerate action in key economic sectors responsible for high levels of greenhouse gas emissions. Transport is one of these sectors, and if it is not rapidly decarbonised, it will lead to further damage to our climate.

Transport is responsible for about 14 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions, though in many countries this figure is significantly higher and continues to grow. This is why world leaders must come together in recognising that e-mobility and the transition to a low carbon economy brings enormous economic, health and environmental benefits for all.

The livelihoods and well-being of hundreds of millions of people are at stake. Climate change, public health and air pollution are all interconnected. Global temperatures keep rising, while more than 9 million people die prematurely every year due to exposure to air pollution, much of which is caused by emissions from the transport sector. According to the World Health Organisation, 91% of the world's population lives in places where the quality of air is harmful to public health.

On the other hand, if approached properly, the new e-mobility revolution can turn these challenges into real opportunity. The transition to e-mobility and zero emission vehicles will also generate employment and innovation in our economies, providing millions of people with jobs and boosting development.

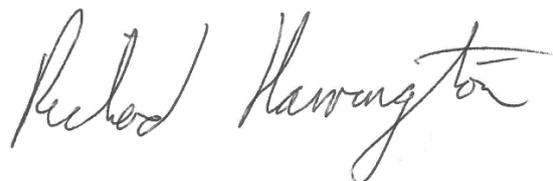
Poland and the UK are taking action to tackle this challenge. Poland has prepared the "Driving Change Together Partnership" which will establish a platform for cities, regional and national governments, as well as non-governmental organisations to further develop and exchange their knowledge and experiences of e-mobility and foster establishing new practical initiatives at both local and international level. The UK has set out long term ambitions for zero emission vehicles in its recently published 'Road to Zero' Strategy and in September of this year hosted the world's first summit to accelerate global investment in zero emission technology and infrastructure.

Now we are urging cooperation among all actors – states, regions, cities and non-governmental organisations – to renew their efforts to accelerate the transition to low emission vehicles and help achieve this e-mobility revolution.

In this light we invite you to join signal your support by 1 December 2018 for the 'Driving Change Together' Declaration through contact with the Polish Embassy in your country. We would also welcome you to participate in the high-level event hosted by Polish Prime Minister Morawiecki at COP24 on 4 December.

Let us drive this change together.

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