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## **Clean Energy Ministerial & Sustainable Energy for All STATEMENTS FOR THE PRESS**

### **UK Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change Edward Davey**

“I am delighted to welcome participants to the UK for this year’s Clean Energy Ministerial. This week, we will see countries working together to accelerate the rate at which clean energy technologies are developed. We will see how investing in clean energy can help us all to create economic growth, jobs and improved energy security. The UK is currently rated the 5<sup>th</sup> best place in the world to invest in clean energy, and number one for offshore wind. But, we want to do more to encourage investment to the UK, so this week, I will be working with visiting Ministers and industry to forge ahead with ensuring that progress is made in developing renewables, energy efficiency, carbon capture and storage and clean energy entrepreneurship.”

### **U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu**

“The Clean Energy Ministerial brings together public and private sector leaders from around the world to take concrete steps in accelerating the deployment of clean energy technologies. Our energy challenges won’t wait, and neither can we. By working together, we can seize the clean energy opportunity – saving money for consumers, promoting sustainable economic growth, and protecting the planet for future generations.”

### **Dr. Sultan Al-Jaber, UAE Special Envoy for Energy and Climate Change**

“This year’s Ministerial marks the launch of the newest CEM initiative, the Global Sustainable Cities Network, an idea originated in Abu Dhabi last year. The network is a platform for knowledge-sharing among pioneering urban sustainability programs, examining clean energy technology applications in urban contexts. For a nation such as ours facing exponential growth and resource demand, this network can be a critical tool for our rapidly evolving cities, and we are honored to serve as Secretariat for this group. Once this year’s CEM comes to a close, the world will focus its attention on the UN Earth Summit later this year; a reminder that creating a sustainable future for all will hinge on empowering ourselves to use our resources responsibly.”

### **Stefan Kapferer, Deputy Minister for Economics and Technology, Germany**

“We have made significant progress in international cooperation on policies and projects that accelerate the world’s transition to a clean energy system. It is a pleasure to announce that Germany will participate in the 21st Century Power Partnership initiative that will promote large-scale energy efficiency and variable renewables deployment through smart

grid solutions. Here in London, the Multilateral Solar and Wind Working Group has launched the first prototype of its Global Solar and Wind Atlas. I am convinced that this multi-stakeholder initiative will make a substantial contribution to the global increase of renewable energies. With its membership in six CEM initiatives Germany shows its strong commitment to the Clean Energy Ministerial process.”

**Dr. Karsten Sach, Director General for International Cooperation, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety**

“Germany is convinced that renewable energies form a crucial part in achieving a global secure, sustainable and affordable energy future. Together with our partners in Denmark and Spain we are leading the Multilateral Working Group on Solar and Wind Energy Technologies in the Clean Energy Ministerial. With the launch of the first prototype of the Global Solar and Wind Atlas we aim to facilitate energy planning and enable investment into renewable energy projects. We thereby aim to contribute to an accelerated deployment of renewable energies worldwide.”

**Anna-Karin Hatt, Minister of Energy, Sweden**

“To support and ensure the development and deployment of clean energy technologies we do need to work together to facilitate the best conditions for companies to innovate, grow and expand, within and in between our countries. This is why the Clean Energy Ministerial is such an excellent initiative. It can really make a change when it comes to pushing the clean energy technology evolution in the right direction by establishing better conditions for new clean technologies. These technologies will in the end be part of the solution to avoid further climate change.”