

BIRMINGHAM DECLARATION ON ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES

Climate change is one of the biggest issues we face, environmentally, economically and socially. In order to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement, including limiting global temperature rise to well below 2°C, transport must be decarbonised with action taken by national, regional and local government. Air pollution from road transport also poses a real threat to public health in our towns and cities. The shift to a low carbon economy, in particular the development and deployment of zero emission vehicles, brings real economic, health and environmental benefits for all.

Governments cannot drive this transition alone. We need an integrated and truly global approach, involving national and municipal policy makers together with leaders in the automotive, infrastructure and energy industries. With the aim of making a decisive impact on road transport emissions, we will take concrete steps to:

Accelerate the transition to low emission vehicles, by:

- **Committing to a zero emission future** for transport.
- **Driving demand** through consumer incentives and setting targets for zero emission fleets.
- **Collaborating internationally** to promote the deployment of ZEVs on a global scale.

Enable the growth of the market, through:

- **Delivering greener public transport** to improve public health.
- **Building a smart infrastructure network**, planning for the cities of the future today, embedding zero emission infrastructure into the fabric of our urban and rural communities, and enabling provision where consumers need it.
- **Driving up air quality standards** in our towns and cities.

Develop innovative technological and manufacturing advances, by:

- **Supporting zero emission R&D, investing** to improve and develop new zero emission technologies.
- **Promoting a sustainable, circular economy** to drive down emissions throughout the supply chain.
- **Making zero emission vehicles greener and cleaner**, and moving toward cleaner generation of hydrogen and electricity to drive down emissions over the long term.

We will work together to share experience and expertise as we make this transition. A rapid shift to clean transport is in the interests of all: for cleaner air, for innovative industry, and for a safe and stable climate.

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