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As we have discussed, the UK Government intends to set out our new NDC by the Climate Ambition Summit on 12 December 2020. We are taking all steps possible to make sure the Summit is a platform for bold international commitments and generates the greatest possible momentum and ambition ahead of COP26. We recognise that any UK NDC needs to align with our commitments under the Paris Agreement and take account of our legally-binding domestic commitment to net zero by 2050.

We are aware that the Climate Change Committee are working on formal advice for our Sixth Carbon Budget that is due to be published on 9 December 2020. I understand that this publication will include guidance on the UK's new NDC.

In order to facilitate an announcement by the Climate Ambition Summit on 12 December, we would find it helpful if you were able to share any final guidance that you wish to offer on the UK's NDC by 30 November.

We recognise that the Climate Change Committee does not have a statutory role in the decision-making process on the level of our NDC. Nevertheless, the UK Government greatly values the expertise of the Climate Change Committee and would therefore like your advice to precede our announcement.

I look forward to meeting in the coming weeks to discuss the acceleration of global climate ambition ahead of COP26.

Yours sincerely,

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