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Piers Forster, Chair of the Climate Change Committee
[By email]

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Dear Piers,

As you are aware, the Paris Agreement requires that Parties submit their next Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) at least 9-12 months ahead of the relevant COP, which is COP30 in Brazil. Accordingly, the UK is undertaking preparatory work on its 2035 NDC.

Although the Climate Change Committee does not have a statutory role in the decision-making process on the level of NDCs, the UK Government greatly values the expertise of the Climate Change Committee and would therefore be grateful for your guidance on our 2035 NDC. This would mirror the approach that was taken in 2020 on the UK's 2030 NDC.

We recognise that our 2035 NDC needs to take account of our commitments under the Paris Agreement, the outcome of the Global Stocktake, the UK's existing legally binding domestic commitment to net zero by 2050, delivery challenges, the latest available science and other factors.

We would be grateful for the CCC's guidance on what the UK's 2035 NDC target level should be, noting the levels of ambition already set in the 2033-37 period in Carbon Budget 6, as well as any accounting differences between carbon budgets and NDCs (including coverage of Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories). We would also value your views on the impacts of including and not including international aviation and shipping emissions in our NDC (and what the target level would be subject to this decision).

We would find it helpful if you were able to share any guidance that you wish to offer on the UK's 2035 NDC by the end of October 2024 at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

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