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**Hon. Dr Angelo Farrugia,
Speaker of the Parliament of Malta**

Distinguished Representatives and Parliamentarians,

Good Evening,

It is a great pleasure to join you in the beautiful city of Rome in preparation for the COP26 meeting in Glasgow in November.

Climate change is the most enduring threat to our futures.

Malta has various legally binding targets to meet by 2020 and by 2030 as an EU Member State and a Party to the multilateral legal instruments combating climate change. During the strenuous 2020 year, Malta has updated the Climate Change Act, which is the primary legislation that contributes to the mitigation of climate change by limiting anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases and to protect and enhance greenhouse gas sinks and reservoirs. The Act also addresses adaptation to climate change by requiring government to take measures for the prevention, avoidance, and reduction of the adverse impacts of climate change.

This year, Malta has embarked on an ambitious 30-year journey towards decarbonisation which involves a Low Carbon Development Strategy and a plan to have cleaner vehicles on our roads. The transition to a greener and carbon neutral economy for Malta will pump new life into our future for the benefit of society.

I recall the important CPA Small Branches Climate Change workshop in collaboration with UNEP, held in Nairobi, Kenya, where parliamentarians from the smaller jurisdictions discussed the shared challenges associated with climate change. In this workshop, as the CPA Small Branches Chairperson, the CPA Small Branches Climate Change Toolkit for Parliamentarians. The toolkit was designed in collaboration with, and for use by, national governments, international organizations, and experts engaged in assisting countries to implement national climate change laws, as well as academic and research institutions that are undertaking analysis of the growing body of climate change-related legislation throughout the world.

We have a critical role to identify the most cost-effective measures to reduce emissions across the sectors involving energy, buildings, transport, industry, waste, agriculture and water. This multi-faceted approach championed by small states provides a fresh and renewed method of combatting climate change tailored to small states. Malta, a small state in the Mediterranean, certainly is leading by example.

Thank you.