



Fourth CVF Leaders Meeting: Development Reset and Cooperation

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Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen. On behalf of the COP31 Presidency, thank you for your invitation. It is a great pleasure to join you at the Fourth Climate Vulnerable Forum Leaders Meeting.

At the outset, I commend the leadership of the Climate Vulnerable Forum, and in particular the Presidency of Barbados, for keeping the voices and priorities of climate-vulnerable countries at the center of the global climate agenda.

Climate change is no longer a distant or future challenge for many vulnerable countries. It is already affecting development, economic stability, food and water security, livelihoods, and social resilience. This is why the CVF's message is particularly important: climate action must be translated into concrete development outcomes and practical solutions.

As the incoming COP31 Presidency, Türkiye attaches great importance to moving from commitments to implementation. In this context, the CVF's priorities are highly relevant to the direction of COP31. We believe climate action should respond to the realities faced by countries and communities on the ground, particularly those most exposed to climate impacts and with limited fiscal and institutional capacity to respond.

Access to adequate, predictable, and affordable climate finance remains one of the key conditions for effective climate action. Initiatives such as the Vulnerability to Viability Compact demonstrate the importance of practical financial approaches that help vulnerable countries move from exposure and vulnerability toward resilience and long-term viability. We also recognize the importance of mechanisms that provide rapid financial support following climate-related shocks and disasters.

From Türkiye's perspective, the discussion should therefore focus not only on the volume of climate finance, but also on its accessibility, predictability, effectiveness, and speed of delivery. These priorities connect strongly with the concerns expressed by the CVF.

As we approach COP31, Türkiye will continue to listen carefully to the priorities of vulnerable countries. The concerns raised by the CVF on adaptation, climate finance and resilience, debt sustainability, disaster risk financing, and loss and damage are important elements of the broader international climate agenda. Thank you.

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