**The Partnership for Transatlantic Energy and Climate Cooperation**

**(P-TECC)**

**Statement of Principles**

 **WE, THE ENERGY MINISTERS AND REPRESENTATIVES** of the nations of the Partnership for Transatlantic Energy Cooperation (P-TEC), convened on September 23, 2021 in Warsaw, Poland and endorse this Statement of Principles:

1. A strong, vibrant Trans-Atlantic relationship is the foundation for our mutual security and prosperity. The shared values and common goals expressed in this Statement can help build back better, cleaner and more just national economies that work for the benefit of all our citizens.
2. We recognize and are concerned about the far-reaching impact of global climate change. There is no serious discussion of solutions to climate change that do not involve energy. We thereby commit to seek to integrate climate response and resilience into our existing programs of work and to reflect this change in the name of our Partnership, which is renamed the Partnership for Transatlantic Energy and Climate Cooperation (P-TECC).
3. In doing so, we affirm that energy security remains at the core of the P-TECC mission, and that secure, resilient, reliable, decarbonized and cost efficient energy systems can more effectively be achieved through collaboration among our countries.
4. Climate change and energy security are inextricably linked. We note that threats to the sustainability and security of our energy systems come from both human and natural sources.
5. We recognize that P-TECC plans to continue to focus on technical, policy, and investment collaboration in the energy sector with partner countries throughout Eastern and Central Europe.
6. We support the goals of the Three Seas Initiative, which serve as a guidepost for our collective work on energy infrastructure development, technical collaboration, investment and further development of various formats of dialogue in climate and energy areas.
7. We value the efforts of the European Commission in P-TECC and in the just transition of Eastern and Central Europe’s energy sector and look forward to P-TECC’s work being reflected in the work of the U.S.-EU Energy Council.
8. We recognize that transparent investment, technical innovation, effective energy markets, and an increasing diversity of climate-aligned energy supplies are key to ensuring resilient energy systems that can withstand the many threats and challenges to our energy systems and security.
9. We understand and support the idea that each country’s path to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions is unique, and we support a variety of energy technologies to meet our collective climate and energy security goals.
10. We support job creation and economic revitalization efforts that are investments in ensuring a just energy transition to a net-zero greenhouse gas future, so that all communities can realize prosperity and dignity as they move away from a fossil-based economy.
11. We propose to maintain a body of work within P-TECC, particularly through its Working Groups, that addresses the evolving needs of our partner countries, and provides a useful framework for technical, policy, and investment cooperation, as well as knowledge sharing.
12. We endeavor to convene a P-TECC Ministerial on an annual basis to track our progress, adapt to the changing needs of the region, and identify new ways to meet the challenges of our energy future, and direct that future towards meeting our common climate stabilization goals.
13. We encourage the ongoing participation of relevant stakeholders in the P-TECC process, as a means for deepening our discussions.
14. We express our deep appreciation to the Government of Poland for hosting a successful P-TECC Ministerial and look forward to the coming year of P-TECC work.

 **Endorsed this day \_\_23rd of September 2021 in Warsaw Poland.**