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SUBJECT: United States National Statement at UNFCCC COP25

BLUF: President of COP25, Excellencies, and Distinguished Delegates; I am so pleased to be with you today. On behalf of the U.S. people, I commend the Chilean COP presidency's great leadership and thank our gracious hosts here in Spain for their warm hospitality and extraordinary ability to provide all of this on such short notice.

The United States continues to lead on clean, affordable, and secure energy while reducing all types of emissions—including greenhouse gases—over the last 15 years. Our last day as a Party to the Paris Agreement will be November 4, 2020, but we will remain focused on a realistic and pragmatic model—backed by a record of real world results. Our model shows how innovation and open markets lead to greater prosperity, fewer emissions, and more secure sources of energy. We remain fully committed to working with you, our global partners, to enhance resilience, mitigate the impacts of climate change, and prepare for and respond to natural disasters.

U.S. investments in research and development will continue to spur landmark breakthroughs across the full range of energy technologies—natural gas; wind; solar; nuclear; hydroelectric; clean coal and biofuels. Our investments will improve energy efficiency and storage as well. We have successfully proven the potential for carbon capture, utilization, and storage through demonstrations and large-scale industrial projects.

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