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High-level Event: Placing Well-being at the Heart of Climate Policy *Accelerating mitigation actions and achieving well-being benefits*

Monday, 23 September 2019 – 15:30-17:00

UN Headquarters, General Assembly Building, Conference Room 7

On the occasion of the United Nations Climate Action Summit 2019, the Permanent Missions of the Czech Republic, Latvia and Lithuania and the Office of the Special Representative of the OECD to the United Nations are hosting a high-level discussion on *Placing Well-being at the Heart of Climate Policy*.

To achieve the climate goals agreed in 2015 in Paris, a deep transformation of economies on an unprecedented scale is required. At the core of this transformation is the need to rethink the priorities guiding decisions and policies across the economy to ensure consistency with both climate and broader wellbeing goals. OECD's forthcoming report, ***Accelerating Climate Action: Refocusing Policies through a Well-Being Lens***, illustrates how reframing climate policies through a well-being lens is necessary to make these synergies and trade-offs systematically visible, thus enabling decision-makers to increase the former and anticipate, manage and minimise the latter.

Key messages by H.E. Mr. Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General, on the report *Accelerating Climate Action: Refocusing Policies through a Well-being Lens*

Panel discussion moderated by Ms. Gabriela Ramos, OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20

- H.E. Mr. Linas Linkevicius, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
- H.E. Mr. Richard Brabec, Minister for the Environment, Czech Republic
- H.E. Mr. Juris Pūce, Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia
- H.E. Ms. Nezha El Ouafi, Secretary of State to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development, Kingdom of Morocco (*invited*)
- H.E. Ms. Lucía Delfina Ruiz Ostoic, Minister of Environment, Peru (*invited*)
- Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- Ms. Thembi Nkadimeng, Mayor of Polokwane and President of the South Africa Local Government Association
- Mr. Michael Liebreich, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Liebreich Associates

Intervention from the floor: Ms. Helena Molin Valdés, Head of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) Secretariat, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)