**Key Messages for 22 April Climate Agreement Signing**

**Theme: “From Aspirations to Action”**

* The Paris Agreement is an historic turning point in the world's response to climate change.
* This Paris Agreement sends a clear signal that the transformation of the global economy to low-emission, climate-resilient growth is inevitable, beneficial and already under way.
* The goal now is to move **from aspirations to action**.
* To keep the global spotlight focused on climate change and build on the strong political momentum from Paris, the Secretary-General has invited all Heads of State and Government to participate in the signing ceremony for the Paris Agreement at United Nations headquarters on 22 April.
* Governments collectively adopted the Agreement in Paris. The next step is for every country in the world to officially sign it on April 22, acknowledging that they accept the Agreement at the national level and will help it enter into force so that the aspirations of Paris can be transformed into action.
* The April 22 event is a call for urgent action at every level from the local to the global, to keep global temperature rise well below two degrees, and as close to 1.5 as possible. Affordable solutions exist that can accelerate efforts to reduce emissions and strengthen climate resilience.
* Action on climate change helps to reduce poverty, eliminate air pollution strengthen security and improve health. Action on climate change is essential for achieving the 2030 Agenda and creating a more prosperous, equitable and liveable future.

Note: The SG has asked leaders to address four topics in their national statements on April 22nd:

* Roadmap for increasing ambition at the national level
* Blueprint for implementing their INDCs
* Timetable for ratification at national level
* Blueprint for how to integrate INDCs into sustainable development plans at national level

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