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The need to significantly and sustainably expand the production and use of modern bioenergy is inescapable. The consensus around this fact is growing, and the presence of your country among the founders of the Biofuture Platform stands out.

2. Since its launch during UNFCCC COP22, in Marrakech, the work of establishing this new international platform has aimed at closing a gap in the global efforts against climate change, promoting, through the bioeconomy, sustainable and low carbon solutions for the transport sector and for the industry.

3. As part of the efforts to reciprocate the trust placed in us by your country and the other members of the Biofuture Platform when appointing Brazil as interim facilitator of the initiative, the Brazilian government hosted the first Biofuture Summit, held in São Paulo, on 24-25 October. The conference had the participation of official representatives from your country, for which we are grateful. In that occasion, the official delegates from the Biofuture Platform countries joined industry representatives, researchers and other stakeholders to exchange experiences and discuss the best ways to achieve sustainable growth in bioenergy and the bioeconomy as a whole. The conference also gave its broad support to the draft of the Biofuture Platform Vision Statement, which we hope will contribute to increase expectations by the different stakeholders and resume acceleration of investments in the sector. Information about the event, as well as the final candidate draft of the Vision Statement, matured after several rounds of negotiations and consultations among the Platform's member countries, can be found attached to this letter.

4. In order to coronate this year's efforts, we would like to invite Your Excellency to attend the **high-level event of the Biofuture Platform** to be sponsored by the Brazilian government on the occasion of the UNFCCC COP-23 high-level segment **on November 16, 2017, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the "Meeting Room 12" at the COP Convention Center, located at the "Bula Zone", in Bonn, Germany.** On that occasion, we hope to review the results achieved since the launch of the initiative and together endorse the Biofuture Platform Vision Statement. In case it is impossible for you to attend personally, we would be grateful if the head of your country's delegation to COP23 or another high-level representative could be oriented to attend, so that representation at the launch of the Vision Statement can take place at the highest possible level. We would appreciate if confirmations could be sent to the electronic mails: drn@itamaraty.gov.br and asin@mma.gov.br.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of our highest consideration.

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