Commit to Submit Declaration Concept Note

The COP31 Presidency recognises Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) as fundamental pillars for the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement.

BTRs help countries tell the story of their mitigation and adaptation actions, showcase successes, share lessons learned, and highlight areas where additional support is needed to achieve their climate goals.

As 2026 is a submission year for BTRs, Türkiye and Australia are looking to provide a platform to celebrate what we expect to be an unprecedented level of BTR submissions. We intend for this to have two main elements.

We will provide space during the High-Level Transparency event on 17 November for Ministers to highlight their countries' intention to submit their BTRs in 2026 and share how their participation in the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF), including the Technical Expert Review and Facilitative Multilateral Consideration of Progress processes, has strengthened implementation of their Paris Agreement commitments.

The Commit to Submit Declaration will recognise Parties that have already submitted BTRs in 2026, Parties intending to submit a BTR by the end of 2026, and LDCs and SIDS who intend to submit their BTRs in 2027, consistent with the flexibility available to them.

The text aims to demonstrate broad support and commitment to ETF implementation. It does not put forward new commitments and stands separate to the formal negotiations process.

Attached to this communication is a draft Declaration for consideration.

Please advise your country's interest in joining the Declaration, or interest in separately indicating your plan to submit a BTR by the end of 2026 or by the end of 2027 for LDCs and SIDS to hakan.aydogan@iklim.gov.tr, steven.turnbull@dcceew.gov.au and ETF@unfccc.int.

Commit to Submit Declaration on the Paris Agreement Enhanced Transparency Framework

Antalya, 2026

1. We welcome the implementation of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and highlight its central role under the Paris Agreement in building mutual confidence through understanding Parties' emissions and removals, climate policies and measures, progress toward NDCs, and support provided and needed.

2. We emphasise that participation in the ETF allows Parties to highlight and demonstrate their climate action, develop and showcase targeted policies and attract support and investment.

3. We have submitted a Biennial Transparency Report in 2026, commit to submitting a Biennial Transparency Report before the end of 2026, or, as Least Developed Countries or Small Island Developing States, make best intentions to submit Biennial Transparency Reports in 2027.

4. We recognise the value of regular and improved submissions of Biennial Transparency Reports and participation in Technical Expert Reviews and the Facilitative Multilateral Consideration of Progress for improved reporting over time.

5. We also recognise the value of the work undertaken by support providers to assist countries to submit Biennial Transparency Reports, and the key role of capacity building and support for developing countries for the preparation of Biennial Transparency Reports.