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"One Planet Summit": 36 states pledge for a ambitious contribution of maritime transport in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the framework of the negotiations at the Maritime International Organization (IMO)

CO2 emissions from maritime transport today represent 3% of global emissions but could, if nothing is done, increase by 50% to 250% by 2050 depending on the growth scenarios of maritime traffic considered by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

International shipping is addressed by the Paris Agreement's greenhouse gas reduction targets. However, because of the eminently international nature of this activity, it is not included in the national commitments (NDCs) made by individual States.

To highlight this ambition on the occasion of the "One Planet Summit" Nicolas HULOT and Elisabeth BORNE took the initiative of the "Tony de Brum" Declaration, named after the former political leader of the Marshall Islands, founder of the the high ambition coalition within the UNFCCC at COP21 in Paris and initiator of the process of negotiation on greenhouse gases within the IMO. Elisabeth BORNE had the opportunity to present it to the European Commission and her European colleagues at the Council of Ministers of Transport on 5 December in Brussels.

The declaration was presented during the Summit by Hilda Heine, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. It exemplifies the mobilization of states around maritime issues in the global framework of the fight against climate change. It also encourages all stakeholders to reach an ambitious, high-stakes agreement in the negotiations at IMO and the year 2018 will be decisive in this regard.

The 36 signatory states of this declaration are: Germany, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Denmark, Spain, Finland, Guatemala, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, the Solomon Islands, Slovenia, Sweden, United Kingdom, Cyprus, Hungary, Portugal, Australia, Kiribati and France. Others will be brought to join them.

At the end of the Summit, the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, included this declaration in the 12 sets of commitments resulting from the day's work.

For Nicolas Hulot, Minister of State, Minister of Ecological and Solidarity Transition: "In the framework of the One Planet Summit, I welcome the mobilization of the States Parties to the negotiation at the IMO to underline the need for an ambitious agreement on the environmental plan, in line with the Paris Agreements and as a continuation of the work undertaken by the Organization for several years. This momentum must now ensure that the mobilization of maritime transport is flawless in order to protect the climate and biodiversity".

Elisabeth Borne, Minister in charge of Transport by the Minister of State, Minister of Ecological and Solidarity Transition: "Maritime transport must play its full part in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. IMO has already demonstrated its ability to act by implementing an energy efficiency index for ships. This organization is therefore the right framework and the States must be ready to commit, without delay, from 2018, to an ambitious goal supported by effective measures. These measures must allow fair competition between the pavilions and take into account the situation of the most vulnerable states. "

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