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Concerned : **COP26 commitment to climate resilient and low carbon health system**

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Dear Mrs. Trevelyan

I am writing to you in your capacity as International Champion on Adaptation and Resilience for the COP26 Presidency to inform you of the commitment that **the Belgian Ministers of Environment and Health** have made to our citizens as part of the COP26 health programme initiatives. This commitment has been approved during a Joint-Interministerial Conference on Environment and Health 08/11/2021 and will be made public through **a joined press communique on 09/11/2021**.

Climate resilient health system

We will develop/continue developing our health system to be resilient to the impacts of climate change. This includes commitment(s) to:

Climate change and health vulnerability and adaptation assessment (V&A):

- To analyze the results of the study “ Impacts of climate change on the health care system in Belgium “ (july2021)¹ with the relevant actors, and, on this basis, identify how to address them through adaptation plans & the National Environment & Health Action plan.

Sustainable low carbon health system

We will develop our health system to be sustainable and low carbon ensuring so that it contributes to meeting the emission targets of the Paris Agreement. This includes commitment(s) to:

- aim to achieve health system net zero emissions by 2050
- develop relevant actions on sustainable low carbon health system within **the Health & Environment Action Plan**.

Funding for health (ODA eligible countries)

- Commit to facilitate access to climate change funding for health (e.g. project proposals submitted to the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) through the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF))”.

We hope that you agree that these commitments will make substantial and long-term contributions to protecting the health of the people of Belgium as well as helping to support the targets of the Paris Agreement.

¹ [Conséquences des changements climatiques sur le système de santé en Belgique](#)



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Yours Sincerely,

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