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Dear Minister,

We are writing to you as leading companies in the Pacific Alliance region, in response to the 'Declaración hacia una Plataforma de Crecimiento Verde' you announced in Colombia last month.

For us as businesses investing across the region, the development of strong diplomatic ties and open regionalism that the Pacific Alliance cooperation brings, is something we welcome with enthusiasm / open arms. Developing flourishing economies in the region through intra-regional trade, infrastructure growth and investment in innovation and education is very important to us.

At the same time, we recognise that we need to ensure our development allows us to flourish in the new markets of the future and to be resilient to the potential future shocks that climate change will bring. It is for this reason that we welcome your desire to embed the principles of green growth across our economies.

As companies, we are committed to taking action to increase energy and resource efficiency and to develop sustainable business practices to support this type of growth. We do this because we recognise that this is the way we will thrive in the future, making us more efficient, productive and resilient. We also recognise that for our economies to fully realise the opportunities that this new type of growth will bring, we will need to work together across the public and private sectors, co-creating an environment where smart public investment can leverage private sector capital to build clean, innovative and resilient infrastructure in the thriving urban areas of the future.

We welcome your commitment to green growth and to creating a regional platform to make this happen. We, as leading companies in your region, want to engage with you in this platform so that we can collaborate to make this growth a reality.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

