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Joint Statement by UPEI and FETSA

As world leaders gather in Belém for COP30, the Federation of European Tank Storage Associations (FETSA) and the Association of Europe's Independent Energy and Mobility Suppliers (UPEI) call for this milestone conference to mark a decisive shift — **from ambition to implementation**. Ten years after the Paris Agreement, the world's focus must move from setting goals to building the frameworks, investments and infrastructure that will make them real. The energy transition must be **balanced** and engineered towards climate neutrality by 2050 while **maintaining affordability, energy security, military mobility, and industrial resilience**.

The UAE–Azerbaijan–Brazil COP Presidencies (the “Troika”) have charted a clear course through the *Road Map to Mission 1.5°C*. UPEI and FETSA fully support this collective effort and the overarching objectives of the Paris Agreement. However, to turn ambition into tangible progress, implementation must be guided by **coherence, technology-neutrality and equity**. COP30 should focus on creating conditions that make climate action work in practice, through coordinated investment, fair international cooperation and the deployment of all viable technologies. FETSA and UPEI call on governments to unlock the full potential of **renewable and low-carbon liquid fuels** and feedstock such as advanced biofuels, bioplastics, pyrolysis and e-fuels, alongside **carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS)**. These solutions will be crucial for road, aviation and maritime transport, for heating and for the energy - and heavy industry.

In the EU, the proposed 2040 climate target — a 90% reduction in net greenhouse gas emissions compared to 1990 — represents a critical waypoint on the road to 2050. FETSA and UPEI fully support a climate-neutral pathway that must be implemented through a **coherent, technology-inclusive and investment-friendly framework**. The next phase of climate action must prioritise **regulatory alignment to avoid overlapping or contradictory requirements across the energy and transport sectors**. **Longterm stability and predictability are essential to maintain investor confidence and accelerate private capital into clean energy infrastructure**. The 2040 target is a

chance to align ambition with realism. We must ensure that the transition remains cost-effective, fair and secure across all sectors of the economy.

To succeed globally, climate policies must stay **technology-neutral and outcome-driven**. Every viable solution capable of reducing emissions — efficiently and affordably — should be allowed to compete on equal terms. Clean or low carbon liquid fuels, renewable gases, low carbon feedstock and different carbon management technologies all have a role to play in decarbonising transport and industry. Policy frameworks should therefore be **inclusive rather than prescriptive** to prevent that innovation is stalled by preferential frameworks. Likewise, financing tools should be directed toward projects with the highest climate and social impact.

The last years have shown that energy security and climate security are two sides of the same coin. A resilient and diversified energy system is essential for delivering on climate goals without undermining price stability or consumer access. UPEI and FETSA call on global leaders to make price stability and availability of energy the core of how countries plan and deliver their climate commitments. This will ensure that energy security and strategic autonomy remain the basis for a resilient global energy sector.

The transformation of the global energy system is unprecedented, and must be done **with people and industries, not against them**. We urge leaders in Belém to adopt a **pragmatic and collaborative approach** to combine ambition with realism, innovation with stability and vision with implementation.

ABOUT FETSA

Members of [FETSA](#) are businesses engaged in bulk storage and energy infrastructure across Europe. Bulk liquid and liquified gas terminals are present in ports, airports, logistics platforms and along rivers, canals and pipelines. In total FETSA represents 141 companies operating 743 terminals across Europe.

These tank storage terminals provide an essential interface between sea, road, rail, inland waterways and pipeline logistics. They are critical links in the international supply chain for energy carriers, chemicals, animal and human feeds and fats, oils and other substances, helping to balance supply and demand and ensure companies and consumers have access to these products.

Many tank storage terminals are designated as Critical National Infrastructure by the EU and national governments due to their importance in providing energy to society. The storage capacity represented by FETSA also includes strategic reserves held for emergencies (such as NATO stocks and IEA mandated reserves) and supply disruptions.

ABOUT UPEI

UPEI, the voice of Europe's independent energy and mobility suppliers, represents nearly 2,000 European importers and wholesale/retail distributors of energy for the transport and heating sectors, supplying Europe's customers independently of the major energy producers.

They are the interface between producers and consumers, using their own infrastructure and flexibility to supply existing demand for conventional and renewable liquid fuels, as well as non-liquid alternatives as part of the energy transition. They cover more than a third of Europe's current demand. The organisation brings together national associations and suppliers across Europe.

Independent fuel suppliers bring competition to Europe's energy market and can respond rapidly to changes affecting supply, contributing to security on a local, national and regional level. They have developed and maintain a comprehensive infrastructure for the sourcing, storage and distribution of transport and heating fuels, with a commitment to delivering a high-quality service to all consumers, including those in remote areas.

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