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ALIGNING SHELL'S BUSINESS PLANS WITH THE PARIS CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENT

We are writing an open letter to you as representatives of faith-based organisations in Scotland that are concerned about the impact of climate change. We know that climate change poses a threat to life on earth and creates terrible risks for people everywhere. The report from the IPCC on 1.5 degrees of warming published in October 2018 further adds to our concerns. We are particularly concerned that its impact is most keenly felt by those living in poverty. Those who have had least to do with its causes consistently suffer its worst effects.

We recognise as a matter of urgency the need to create a low carbon economy and that decisions made by oil and gas companies will be vital to bring about a just transition to a low carbon future. We also understand that to meet the goal of the Paris Climate Agreement to limit global warming to well below 2°C and if possible to 1.5°C there must be radical change both in our use of energy and in the business plans of oil and gas companies. On this basis the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, meeting in May 2018, called for oil and gas companies to align their business plans with the Paris Climate Agreement.

We call upon Shell to take leadership in the energy transition to a net-zero-emission energy system. We ask you to set and publish targets that are aligned with the goal of the Paris Climate Agreement to limit global warming to well below 2°C.

These targets need to cover the greenhouse gas emissions of Shell's operations and the use of its energy products. We request that you report annually about plans and progress to achieve these targets.

Without this commitment we believe that the chance of implementing the Paris Climate Agreement is small and we therefore attach the highest importance to your response .

We would be delighted to meet to discuss and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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