

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY FOR THE ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION AND THE DEMOGRAPHIC
CHALLENGE OF THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA
CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENERGY TRANSITION**

The Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge of the Kingdom of Spain ("MITECO") and the Government of the State of California of the United States of America ("California"), hereinafter referred to as "the Participants" and individually as a "Participant", declare as follows:

WHEREAS the Participants have a common commitment to advancing action to combat the climate crisis, including achieving carbon neutrality by mid-century, and recognize that doing so will support a healthier, more affordable future;

WHEREAS the Participants share Mediterranean biomes and are exposed to biodiversity loss as well as to climate impacts and risks with increasing frequency, severity, and duration, including floods and droughts, risks of water supply disruptions, wildfire, and extreme heat, that have ravaged our communities and ecosystems;

WHEREAS the Participants have a history of working together in multilateral forums including the Global Offshore Wind Alliance and the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance in addition to subnational-level cooperation through the Subnational Methane Action Coalition, Mediterranean Climate Action Partnership, and the Under 2 Coalition; and

WHEREAS the Participants recognize a mutual interest in continued cooperation to tackle common climate and environmental goals towards achieving net zero;

Therefore, the Participants have reached the following understanding:

**SECTION I
Objective**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a flexible framework between the Participants in order to collaborate on climate and environmental action and the pursuit of a sustainable economy and a secure renewable energy future. In doing so, the Participants share the following common objectives:

- a) To reduce greenhouse gas emissions in support of global goals;
- b) To advance the transition to a renewable energy system and a resilient and sustainable economy in a just and equitable manner;
- c) To enhance the resilience and adaptive capacity of communities and ecosystems facing the brunt of climate impacts; and
- d) To support innovative approaches to climate and environmental governance that promote inclusion and equity.

SECTION II

Areas of Cooperation

The Participants intend to collaborate on climate and environmental action and the pursuit of a sustainable economy and a secure renewable energy future through initiatives focused particularly on, but not limited to, the following areas of cooperation:

- a) Renewable energy deployment and integration, energy efficiency, renewable hydrogen and energy storage, demand-side flexibility, electricity market design, and regulatory approaches for advancing an affordable and equitable clean energy shift transitioning away from fossil fuels, thereby avoiding negative impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- b) Climate resilience and adaptation, including extreme heat early warning systems, integrated fire management (IFM), water resilience and the safeguarding of biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- c) Electrification and decarbonization of energy demand, including the electrification and decarbonization of transport and the deployment of electric vehicles and charging infrastructure.
- d) Carbon markets;
- e) Methane monitoring and emissions reductions;
- f) Transition to a circular economy;
- g) Residential climate control and resilient housing and urban design and
- h) Climate governance best practices, including long-term planning.

SECTION III

Coordination

The Participants respectively identify MITECO and the California Environmental Protection Agency ("CalEPA") of the State of California to establish, as appropriate, the creation of an action plan to implement the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding.

SECTION IV

Specific Activities

Specific activities to achieve the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding for the key sectors and initiatives identified in Section II may include:

- a) Convening workshops on best practices and lessons learned related to the design and implementation of plans, policies, and regulations in pursuit of common goals;
- b) Hosting delegations, site visits, or trade missions to support learning and knowledge exchange which may involve the private sector, academia, or civil society as appropriate;

- c) Connecting through high-level and staff-level bilateral meetings at multilateral forums such as the annual UN Climate Conference, London Climate Action Week, and New York Climate Week; and
- d) Any other mutually acceptable forms of cooperation that contribute to the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding.

SECTION V

No Legal Obligations, Rights, or Remedies

This Memorandum of Understanding is a voluntary initiative. It does not create any legally binding rights or obligations under domestic or international law and creates no legally enforceable rights or remedies, legal or equitable, in any forum whatsoever. In addition, the cooperation and activities contemplated under this Memorandum of Understanding are not conditioned upon reciprocal actions by other Participants; each Participant retains full discretion over implementation of its participation in such cooperation and activities in light of the Participant's individual circumstances, laws, and policies; and each Participant is free to terminate the Memorandum.

SECTION VI

Availability of Personnel and Resources

This Memorandum of Understanding does not involve the exchange of funds, nor does it represent any obligation of funds by either Participant. All costs that may arise from activities covered by, mentioned in, or pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding will be assumed by the Participant that incurs them, unless otherwise expressly stated in a future written arrangement in accordance with applicable laws. All activities contemplated under this Memorandum of Understanding are subject to the availability of funds, personnel and other resources of each Participant.

The personnel designated by a Participant for carrying out activities this Memorandum of Understanding will work under the orders and responsibility of that Participant and any other organization or institution to which the personnel already belongs, at all times maintaining any preexisting employment relationship only with that Participant and organization or institution, and not with any other Participant.

SECTION VII

Compliance with Applicable Laws

This Memorandum of Understanding is to be construed, understood and applied in a manner consistent with all applicable laws, and activities contemplated under this Memorandum of Understanding are intended to be carried out in a manner consistent with, all otherwise-applicable laws.

SECTION VIII

Interpretation and Application

Any difference that may arise in relation to the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding is intended to be addressed and resolved amicably through consultations between the Participants. The Participants intend to conduct such consultations in a cooperative manner.

**SECTION IX
Final Provisions**

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective from the date of its signature and will remain effective for a period of five (5) years, unless renewed or extended by the Participants in the same manner that the Participants may otherwise modify this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants. Any modification will specify the date on which such modification is to become effective.

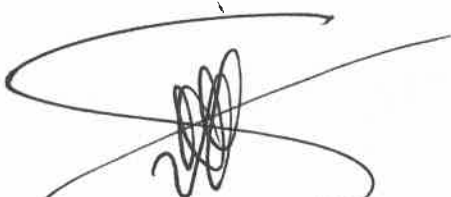
Either Participant may, at any time, discontinue its participation in this Memorandum of Understanding by providing written notice to the other Participant. A Participant that intends to discontinue its participation in this Memorandum of Understanding will endeavor to provide such notice at least sixty (60) days in advance.

The discontinuation of participation in this Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to affect the completion of activities initiated while this Memorandum of Understanding was in effect, unless a Participant expressly states otherwise. A Participant that intends to conclude a previously initiated activity will endeavor to reach an understanding with the other Participant concerning such conclusion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective authorities, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed in New York City, New York on September 22, 2026, in two original copies in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally valid.

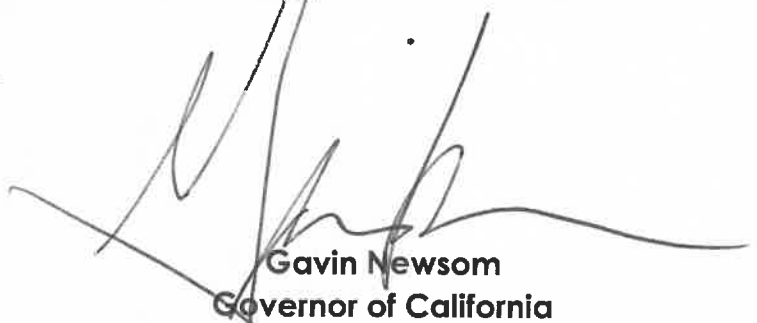
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