MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CONCERNING CLEAN ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The Ministry of Climate and Environment of the Republic of Poland ("MKiŚ") and the Government of the State of California of the United States of America ("California"), hereinafter referred to as "the Participants," declare as follows:

WHEREAS the Participants have a common commitment to advancing action to combat the climate crisis, including Poland's contribution to the EU's target of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, and California's goal to reduce emissions by 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, and recognize that doing so will support a healthier, more affordable future;

WHEREAS the Participants recognize that accelerating the deployment of clean energy sources can strengthen energy security and resilience, diversify energy supply, reduce exposure to external disruptions and market volatility, and contribute to greater energy independence;

WHEREAS the Participants acknowledge the security and economic risks of environmental degradation and climate change and the role of transitioning to clean and green economies for reducing risk while protecting communities and growing economies;

WHEREAS the Participants are exposed to climate impacts and risks with increasing frequency, severity, and duration, including heatwaves, droughts, and intense precipitation events, that have ravaged our communities; and

WHEREAS the Participants recognize a mutual interest in cooperation to tackle common climate and environmental goals;

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 support the clean energy transition and address climate change. In doing so, the Participants share the following common objectives:

a) To advance the transition to a renewable energy system and a resilient and sustainable economy in a just and equitable manner;

b) To support global decarbonization, the reduction and removal of greenhouse gas emissions, and the protection of the natural environment; and

c) To promote the development of climate and disaster resilience through addressing common challenges in climate change adaptation.

SECTION II
Areas of Cooperation

The Participants intend to support the clean energy transition and address climate change through initiatives focused particularly on, but not limited to, the following areas of cooperation:

a) Clean energy technology and energy systems;

b) Climate change mitigation and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, including short-lived climate pollutants such as methane;

c) Climate change adaptation, including extreme heat resilience, preparation for extreme weather events, and wildfire prevention and management; and

d) Carbon removals and nature-based solutions.

SECTION III
Coordination

The Participants respectively designate the MKiŚ and the California Environmental Protection Agency ("CalEPA") to establish 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) Exchanging experts, best practices, experiences, and information on policies, policy tools, and policy design and implementation to address the causes and impacts of climate change, including greenhouse gas reduction and promoting sustainable economic growth;

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; and

d) Any other mutually acceptable forms of cooperation that contribute to the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding.

SECTION V
Points of Contact

The MKiŚ and CalEPA will also serve as the respective contact points for communication and information exchange, as well as any notice submitted under this Memorandum of Understanding.

For MKiŚ: Head of International Affairs

For CalEPA: Deputy Secretary for Climate Policy, or any successor or designee

SECTION VI
No Legal Obligations, Rights, or Remedies

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

SECTION VII
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 undertaken pursuant to 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 the execution of 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 VIII
Compliance with Applicable Laws

This Memorandum of Understanding will be construed consistent with all applicable laws, and activities undertaken in connection with this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to, and will be undertaken in a manner consistent with, all otherwise-applicable laws.

SECTION IX
Interpretation and Application

Any difference that may arise in relation to the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved through consultations between the Participants, which will endeavor in good faith to resolve such differences.

SECTION X
Final Provisions

This Memorandum of Understanding is effective from the date of its signature, for a five-year period, 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 consent of the Participants. Any modification will be made in writing and specify the date on which such modification is to become effective.

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

Signed in Warsaw, Poland on 13 November 2026, in two (2) original copies in English.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Gavin Newsom

Governor

FOR THE MINISTRY OF CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

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