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MESSAGE TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENERGY SUMMIT
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I am pleased to send greetings to the energy leaders of tomorrow at the International Student Energy Summit. You are part of the first generation that can end poverty and the last that can avert the worst impacts of climate change. I place great hopes in your power to shape our future.

A transformative approach to energy lies at the heart of the success of these complementary international decision-making processes. It is the golden thread that connects economic growth, social equity and environmental sustainability. That is why Member States have identified access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all as one of the sustainable development goals.

Around the world, we are seeing profound changes in how energy is supplied, delivered and used. This trend can benefit development, human health and the environment – while responding to climate change. The Sustainable Energy for All initiative, with its three interlinked objectives on universal access, energy efficiency and renewable energy, is mobilizing governments, businesses, finance and civil society to transform the world’s energy systems.

This Summit is a crucial platform to engage the energy leaders of tomorrow. You are here because you see the big picture. I count on you to lead by example. Engage your peers, your networks, your politicians. We need your enthusiasm, your ideas, your commitment and your action.
Let’s flip the switch and light up a brighter future together. Together, we can create a cleaner, safer, more prosperous world for all.