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To: The Norwegian Government,
c/o Minister of Climate and Environment

His Excellency Andreas Bjelland Eriksen,

We, the European Grandparents for Climate, are an umbrella organization bringing together 14 associations of older people from across Europe who are engaged in climate protection. The Norwegian organisation *Besteforeldrenes Klimaaksjon* is one of our members.

In the later years of our lives, we do not choose comfort, but conscious and responsible action in order to help preserve a world free from severe and frequent droughts, wildfires, floods, famine, and serious health risks for future generations. We have lived long enough to understand that financial profit alone does not create a sustainable future. In particular, the climate crisis demands a collective and shared global effort to safeguard liveable conditions on our planet.

For this reason, the failure of COP30 in Belém, Brazil, to reach a clear declaration on the definitive phasing out of fossil fuels was a profound disappointment to us. Fortunately, a group of countries led by Colombia and the Netherlands recognised the urgency of the situation and decided to convene a meeting on this crucial issue: the First International Conference on the Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels.

As you are well aware, fossil fuel production continues to increase, and the goals of the Paris Agreement—commitments made by countries around the world—now appear increasingly out of reach. The consequences of this development are equally well known and deeply alarming.

We would therefore strongly welcome Norwegian participation in the conference in Colombia. Like Colombia, Norway is an oil-producing country, and its participation would send a powerful signal to other fossil fuel-producing nations that phasing out fossil fuels is at the top of the international agenda.

Kind regards,

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