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UN Secretary-General to push business, investors, cities to walk the talk on net-zero pledges; Expert Group launched amid worsening climate crisis


New York, 31 March 2022: UN Secretary-General António Guterres today launched his Expert Group to develop stronger and clearer standards for net-zero emissions pledges by non-State entities - including businesses, investors, cities and regions - and speed up their implementation.

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The launch of the *High-Level Expert Group on the Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities* comes amid a worsening climate crisis and growing urgency for all commitments to be transparent, credible, backed by robust implementation plans, and converted into real emissions cuts as rapidly as possible.

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“Despite growing pledges of climate action, global emissions are at an all-time high. They



The Group will be chaired by Ms. Catherine McKenna, former Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change.!!

“The recent avalanche of net-zero pledges by businesses, investors, cities and regions will be vital to keep 1.5°C alive and to build towards a safe and healthy planet, but only if all pledges have transparent plans, robust near-term action, and are implemented in full,” Ms.