An open letter to Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

[Send this letter to Patricia Espinosa - secretariat@unfccc.int or address it to COP26 president Alok Sharma at psaloksharma@cabinetoffice.gov.uk]

Dear Ms. Espinosa,

[We] have a vision of a clean, sustainable, and abundant low-carbon future for all. I believe that by driving collaboration between nuclear and renewable technology that this will accelerate our ability of the world to achieve Net Zero by 2050.

[Our YGN represents over this many young, passionate people from this country etc.]

The UK Prime Minister and Government has rightly put nuclear energy at the heart of the UK’s net zero vision. I believe the United Nations can go a step further and highlight how nuclear power can play a key role in the worldwide Energy Transition.

**We are calling on all negotiators and policy makers who are involved at COP26 to take a scientific and technology neutral approach to energy policy and financing that can promote sustainable collaboration between nuclear and renewables.**

A recent, scientifically underpinned, [Nuclear for Climate position paper](https://www.euronuclear.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/COP26-Position-Paper.pdf) was authored by volunteers from the UK Nuclear Institute Young Generation Network (YGN). It highlights the following points that demonstrate why [#NetZeroNeedsNuclear](https://www.netzeroneedsnuclear.com/).

* Nuclear is a proven and effective low carbon source of energy which reduces greenhouse gas emissions and can replace our current reliance on polluting fossil fuel sources.
* Nuclear is available, scalable and deployable: New nuclear needs to be deployed at scale and urgently, along with renewables, in order for Net Zero targets to be achievable.
* Nuclear is a flexible and affordable source of clean energy: Nuclear can integrate with an increasing supply of variable renewables to deliver efficient and affordable clean energy systems.
* Nuclear can deliver more than just low carbon electricity: Nuclear is also capable of supporting the decarbonisation of other sectors, such as heating and transport.
* Nuclear supports inclusive and sustainable global development: Nuclear promotes global socio-economic benefits and is strongly aligned to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

We implore you to ensure nuclear representation at COP26 - your work is critical to our future.

Kind regards.