

JOINT STATEMENT
The Hague, 9th of November 2021

The Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining of Uruguay, Mr Omar Paganini, and the Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy of the Netherlands, Mr Stef Blok, met today in The Hague to exchange views, to share their national strategies on hydrogen and to start a structured dialogue in order to achieve a partnership for collaboration and joint efforts in the field of hydrogen.

The Ministers expressed that they recognise:

- a) The importance of clean hydrogen, in particular green hydrogen sourced from renewable energy, as an energy carrier to decarbonise the economy and meet each country's emission reduction policy goals and commitments adopted under the Paris Agreement;
- b) The benefits of working together in supporting the creation of an international market, the development of technologies, the deployment of infrastructure, and the setting up of export-import corridors for green hydrogen between Uruguay and the Netherlands, as a gateway to Europe.

The Ministers expressed their willingness and intention to:

- a) Strengthen the ties of friendship and enhance bilateral cooperation and knowledge sharing in fields such as standards, trade rules, policies, technologies, certification and investments to support the development of green hydrogen;
- b) Jointly promote public and private investment in green hydrogen projects and infrastructure, thereby creating new opportunities for companies and industry and supporting private-sector networks in accelerating the implementation of both countries' hydrogen strategies;
- c) Strengthen participation and collaboration in multilateral hydrogen forums, like the International Partnership for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Economy (IPHE) and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), in order to promote a global framework that facilitates the development of green hydrogen.

With these goals, the Ministers consent to establishing a structured dialogue with regard to:

- a) Cooperating on the strategic issues of setting up export-import corridors for green hydrogen between Uruguay and the Netherlands;

b) Defining an aligned agenda for promoting investments in hydrogen infrastructure, the hydrogen supply chain (including renewable resources like offshore wind) and various hydrogen applications, and facilitating collaboration between private parties in both countries.

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Signed in The Hague on the 9th of November of 2021 in duplicate in the English language.

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of Uruguay

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