JOINT STATEMENT TO BRING FORWARD THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROGEN SUPPLY VALUE CHAINS IN THE MEJILLONES BAY AREA IN CHILE

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**Context**

In March 2021, Chile and The Netherlands started a structured dialogue on hydrogen by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Chilean Ministry of Energy and the Port of Rotterdam followed by a Joint Statement between the Chilean Ministry of Energy and the Dutch Ministry for Climate and Energy Policy signed in July 2021 . The foundation of this agreement was laid to enhance the bilateral cooperation and knowledge and to jointly promote public and private initiatives in green hydrogen and international exchanges. On March 27th, 2023 the MoU between the Chilean Ministry of Energy and the Port of Rotterdam was extended for three more years until 2026 and both Chilean and Dutch governments agreed on a common agenda for strategic cooperation on green hydrogen.

**Statement**

After several government-to-government sessions and hydrogen innovation missions organized in both countries, to foster and strengthen even more the cooperation as well as the economic, scientific, and technological exchanges, the participants declare:

1. The participants, to the extent of their own technical, economical and legal feasibilities, will foster collaborations between companies or institutions from both countries to develop joint projects in bringing forward the international hydrogen supply value chains in the Mejillones bay area. The cooperation will be focused in the field of resilient communities, renewable energy, sustainable management of water and critical mineral resources, green hydrogen applications and derivatives, and port infrastructure for public use required for the creation of zero-emissions shipping corridors.
2. The efforts of the Chilean and Dutch participants aim to contribute to Mejillones´ development at three levels: Government to government initiatives (g2g), business to business initiatives (b2b), and knowledge to knowledge initiatives (k2k).
3. Subject to their own technical, economical, and legal feasibilities, participants will develop b2b initiatives towards a master industrial plan for the development of a hydrogen valley in the port of Mejillones.
4. The participants will target the development of k2k initiatives to generate a roadmap for the Mejillones bay area, to assess the impact of the emerging green hydrogen value chains within the region, country and on a bilateral perspective, by quantifying and analyzing the different pathways that can contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and climate goals of both countries.
5. The participants will support each other by bringing Dutch and Chilean companies and stakeholders in contact to stimulate the cooperation, to eventually organize a consortium for the aforementioned purposes and to identify private or public funding sources to ensure these projects are realized and meet the set expectations.
6. Subject to their own technical, economical and legal feasibilities, participants will develop G2G initiatives on for example sharing knowledge on governance structures, public-private partnerships and the role of local governments in the development of hydrogen valleys and the contribution to sustainable development in the involved communities.

We, the companies and organizations listed below, are convinced that together we can accelerate the development of the green hydrogen ecosystem in the Mejillones bay area to materialize a green shipping corridor, including transportation from Chilean ports to Dutch ports. This will allow all the participants to make an active contribution towards the achievement of the societal, economical, and climate goals of the common agenda for strategic cooperation on green hydrogen between both countries.

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