



Dear Representatives of the State, Business, Industrial and Civil Society Sectors, and all Participants of COP 28,

We, the diverse youth of the city of São Paulo, through the "Youth for the Climate" initiative, organized and led by the Executive Secretariat for Climate Change, the Youth Coordination of the Secretariat of Human Rights, the Secretariat of Education, all part of the City of São Paulo, in addition to the Adolescent Health Program of the Secretary for Health of São Paulo State, initiative that congregates numerous civil society organizations, independent community movements and initiatives, and national and international foundations that work with young people, we recognize, through this collective document:

1. The urgency in tackling climate change, is also aggravated by the planetary crisis of biodiversity loss and pollution. We commit to engaging, informing, sensitizing, raising awareness and leading the creation of actions to face emergency climate situations, as well as mitigation through the implementation of improvements in our city's infrastructure, involving the diverse youth of São Paulo. We seek a quality, healthy, sustainable and accessible environment for everyone.
2. The urgency to consider that the climate crisis already significantly affects several factors and sectors of the São Paulo metropolitan area. We cannot ignore the multiple impacts felt in disproportionate ways by the most vulnerable populations, such as children, the elderly, black, indigenous, low-income, or peripheral populations. Recognizing and creating specific policies that take these vulnerabilities into account is essential to offer an efficient response to the climate emergency in the city, based on the concepts of climate justice and the protection of human

rights, especially the Convention on the Rights of the Child, ratified by 196 countries, and the current General Comment 26.

3. The importance of the Paris Agreement, which aims to limit the global average temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels. We reinforce the intergenerational responsibility of governments and companies, especially in High-Income Countries, regarding greenhouse gas emissions, taking into account the principle of shared but differentiated responsibilities.

4. The relevance of participation and collaboration among civil society, companies, governments and third-sector entities, considering their diverse responsibilities and shared capabilities as agents of transformation in spaces of decision-making and awareness-raising, through educational, cultural and political means. We highlight the importance of urgently adopting climate education at all levels of education, both formal and non-formal, across different areas of knowledge, also in secondary, technical and professional education, and including public entities training multi-professional teams.

5. The need to set up a formal committee of young representatives and our official agenda, alongside representatives of government bodies, specialized academics, associations and business and industrial sectors' groups, enabling young people to be listened to and recommend, monitor and provide feedback on proposed plans and actions to address climate change, confronting and changing its paradigms concerning the climate impacts and the triple planetary crisis in the most diverse spheres.

The project of a sustainable, democratic and dignified present and future, based on good living, which puts life first, depends on rapid decision-making and the creation of effective, large-scale, adaptation and mitigation mechanisms. Facing the climate emergency is a matter of survival in which quality of life is guaranteed for present and future generations in the São Paulo metropolitan area. We recognize the urgency

of a dialogical, intergenerational and intersectional approach. In this way, São Paulo's young people are establishing its responsibility for the constant search and implementation of mechanisms that guarantee a healthy, dignified, inclusive and egalitarian environment for everyone with climate emergency in perspective. We hope that this commitment letter serves as a testimony of our dedication to the topic.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Youth for Climate in the City of São Paulo**