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Dear Jason,

On behalf of **OPEC**, it is my great pleasure to extend to you our congratulations on your new role as **Co-Founding Dean of the Columbia Climate School**.

This is an exciting new opportunity for your good self and for **Columbia University**, and it comes at a **pivotal moment in our history as the world continues to undergo a complete energy paradigm shift**. There are new headlines each day regarding new innovative initiatives that are being unveiled and deals that are being signed to advance the energy industry's transition to a lower-carbon future. Through this new venture, **Columbia University** is clearly dedicated to staying **ahead of the curve and at the vanguard of climate studies and research**.

The establishment of the **Columbia Climate School** also comes at a **strategic time** in which the **United States** is poised to return to its leadership role in addressing climate change.

This week's **Leaders Summit on Climate hosted by US President Biden** is just the first step in this direction, and could not have come at a better time as the world gears up for **November's United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow**. We were all confident that things were going to change when President

Biden, in one of his first actions after taking office, returned the **United States to the Paris Agreement**.

Esteemed professor, I am confident that the **Columbia Climate School**, under your **leadership** and that of your fellow leaders, **Professors Alex Halliday, Ruth DeFries and Maureen Raymo**, will be a **key player at the top echelons of climate research organizations**, and will certainly be a great asset to the **United States' and the world's efforts to move towards a lower carbon future**.

We value the excellent collaborative relationship **OPEC** has cultivated over the years with your highly esteemed **University**, and we look forward, with great anticipation, to opportunities for further cooperation in the years ahead.

Please accept, Professor, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration and respect.

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Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo
Secretary General