

**High-level Dialogue on Energy in 2021**  
**under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly**

Concept note<sup>1</sup>

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**I. Context**

1. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the Paris Agreement on climate change provide a pathway for a more prosperous, equitable and sustainable future for people and the planet. Evidence presented at the SDG Summit in September 2019 showed that, despite considerable initial efforts however, the world was at risk of falling short of achieving many SDGs by 2030. At the same time, while COVID-19 is the most urgent threat facing humanity today, climate change remains the biggest threat over the long term and progress towards dealing with it remains grossly inadequate. We must



## **General Assembly Mandate**

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