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Nordic climate declaration from SAMAK Leaders' meeting on January 26 2021:

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The Nordic labour movement wants to ensure that the green transition is both just and participatory.

Everyone must participate, and everyone must contribute. However, we must ensure that it is not those who have the least who end up paying the most. In fact, the green transition may depend on a better redistribution than we have today. If someone experiences growing inequality or disproportionate burdens, it may weaken the long-term support for the transition.

At the same time, new technology presents great opportunities for the Nordic region in the green transition. With green exports, we can make a positive contribution globally, while at the same time creating new jobs at home. In the Nordic countries, we do not fear new technology – on the contrary, we fear technology which is outdated.

The Nordic labour movement will take the lead and stimulate the green transition in cooperation with employers, workers and civil society. We believe that we can find the best solutions together, and through collaboration we ensure that everyone is involved.

The report «A Just Green Transition» presents a number of examples of initiatives for inspiration throughout the Nordic region.

It is not only the climate that is under pressure. This also applies to the environment, nature and biodiversity. Many of the initiatives to protect nature in

the Nordic region will also help in the global climate fight: We get a double dividend.

The Nordic labour movement does not believe that the nature and climate crises can be solved by the market alone. Solving them requires political leadership and an active effort from the trade unions.

The Nordic social democratic parties and trade unions in SAMAK take the lead in ensuring a just green transition. We do so pragmatically and in cooperation with good forces.

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