

**Reception for virksomheder i London den 25. oktober 2021**

Dear all. I am very happy to see you here. It is no secret that I am a very happy man these days.

As many of you know, the Danish Government has landed an ambitious political agreement on agriculture and climate earlier this month.

The new agreement will secure a green transition for the Danish agri-food sector by 2030.

To quote myself: We made Danish history on that Monday in October. It was climate-history.

We reached a comprehensive political agreement for the agricultural sector that shows the path towards a reduction of 6-8 million tons CO<sub>2</sub> by 2030.

In addition, the agreement is broad. Almost the whole parliament from the left wing to the right wing signed the agreement.

It was of immense importance to me, that the agreement was broad.

The broad political foundation means that both farmers and businesses knows what the long-term path is for the Danish agri-food sector.

The agreement contains a binding climate reduction target of 55 to 65 percent by 2030 compared to the emissions in 1990.

The binding climate reduction target ensures that the sector delivers a historical and significant reduction.

And that the agricultural sector makes a crucial contribution to the national Danish goal of a 70 percent CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in 2030 compared to 1990.

Some of the core parts in the agreement is restoration of drained agricultural peatlands. Development of new green technologies.

And investment in plant based food and organic production.

Overall, we are left with a balanced agreement. It secures that the green transition will develop the agri-food sector, but not through downsizing.

In short, it is an agreement, that both the farmer, the vegetarian and the worker at the slaughterhouse can see themselves in.

**The five different ways**

The ambition is that Denmark will have changed in five different ways by 2030:

**First**, by 2030 we have reduced the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by at least 6-8 million tons.

**Second**, we have a cleaner marine environment.

**Third**, we will have more areas with wild nature

**Fourth**, we will have made a big leap in terms of technologies and production of plant based food.



**And last but not least**, we will have taken advantage of the job and business potential of the green transition.

**The Danish Agriculture Miracle**

I hope that in 2030, people will talk about the Danish Agriculture Miracle.

On visits like this, my intention is to inspire other countries like the United Kingdom to follow us.

Just like the time we were pioneers with our wind turbines.

I believe that with this agreement we are on the road towards similar adventures.

This time with Danish food and agro-technology in the spotlight.

I think we can make a big difference in the global climate fight. This is a very concrete contribution to COP26 to show that all sectors can contribute.

I hope we will be frontrunners. In showing the world how the agricultural sector can be involved in tackling the climate crisis.

And protecting the marine environment.

While still protecting jobs and creating new green jobs.

I am ready for this journey with you – on Denmark's new green adventures.

Thank you.