[INSERT GROUP NAME] press release

For immediate release: [INSERT DATE]

Photo opportunity: [INSERT TIME, DATE AND LOCATION]

[INSERT TITLE eg XXX calls on UK government to end support for fossil fuels as part of global day of action for climate justice on 6 November]

Local campaigners from [INSERT GROUP NAME] are gathering in [INSERT PLACE] on Saturday (6 November) as part of a global day of action during the UN climate talks, to demand the UK government ends support for fossil fuels.

The group will be wearing flaming earth heads to signify global heating, and inviting members of the public to take part in a game of “slicks” and ladders. The slicks (snakes) are the fossil fuel extraction projects that are fuelling climate breakdown, while the ladders represent key climate actions the UK government needs to take.

With the message “Earth’s on fire” they will be highlighting the government’s hypocrisy in claiming to be a world leader on climate whilst continuing to support fossil fuels here and abroad.

[INSERT GROUP NAME] is calling on the government to end support for fossil fuels by (1):

* rejecting the Cumbria coal mine
* rejecting new offshore oil and gas fields including the Cambo oil field north-east of the Shetland Islands
* withdrawing support to the Horse Hill development which would extract 3 million tonnes of oil in Surrey
* withdrawing investment in a new gas mega-project in Mozambique which is fuelling local conflict and human rights abuses.

[ADD IN ANY LOCAL ISSUES AND DEMANDS eg you may want to highlight other high carbon developments such as proposed new roads or airport expansion]

[INSERT SPOKESPERSON NAME] from [INSERT GROUP NAME] said:

“We need to drastically and urgently reduce emissions by ending our toxic relationship with fossil fuels.

“The UK government must pull the plug on planned new fossil fuel projects here in the UK – including a coal mine in Cumbria, oil drilling in Surrey and the Cambo oil field – and pull its investment in a new gas mega-project in Mozambique.

“Instead of financing climate-wrecking fossil fuels, the government should put its money in clean energy and green infrastructure that could create over a million new green jobs across the country.”

The stunt is part of a global day of action calling on world governments and corporations to limit global temperature rises to 1.5 degrees and deliver real and fair solutions to the climate crisis. It takes place as world leaders are meeting in Glasgow for the UN climate talks to negotiate the rules, guidelines and cooperation needed to tackle climate change. (2) The UN climate talks need to deliver drastic and rapid emissions cuts at source rather than through schemes such as offsetting or carbon markets, ensure a just transition for workers, and increase the financial and technological support to allow this to happen.

[IF THERE IS A COP26 COALITION DEMO IN YOUR AREA PLEASE ALSO INCLUDE LINK TO PROTEST DETAILS…]

Alongside [INSERT GROUP NAME]’s action to end UK support for fossil fuels, the [INSERT NAME OF COP26 LOCAL COALITION HUB] is organising a rally and march through [INSERT PLACE] as part of dozens of demonstrations happening in towns and cities across the UK including Glasgow, Cardiff, Manchester, Birmingham and London. The march will assemble at [INSERT TIME AND PLACE AND ROUTE DETAILS]. (3)

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For further information please contact [INSERT GROUP CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER]

Notes

1. Friends of the Earth’s briefings on the Cumbria coal mine, the Cambo oil field, drilling for oil in Surrey and the Mozambique gas project are all available here: [<https://friendsoftheearth.uk/climate/4-cases-threaten-uks-climate-reputation>](https://friendsoftheearth.uk/climate/4-cases-threaten-uks-climate-reputation)

2. <https://ukcop26.org>

3. Link to COP26 coalition map of actions: <https://cop26coalition.org/map/>

The COP26 Coalition is the UK-based civil society coalition made up of thousands of organisations and individuals demanding climate justice at COP26. Coalition members include grassroots movements, the largest trade unions in the UK and NGOs, including Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace UK, Extinction Rebellion, Scottish Trade Unions Congress, UNISON, Tearfund, 350.org, Fridays For Future, Wretched of the Earth, and many more. <https://cop26coalition.org/>

[ADD IN ANY LINKS RELEVANT TO YOUR LOCAL PROTEST]