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Your Excellency the Secretary General of the United Nations;

Your Excellency the President of the 19th session of the UNCSD;

Excellences Ministers and Heads of Delegations;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

I would like to begin my statement by expressing the support of Saudi Arabian's Delegation to the Statement of the Group of 77 & China. Furthermore, I am pleased to point out that the Kingdom has made remarkable progress in the steps and actions taken and adopted for the thematic for the 19th session of the UNCSD, which is of importance for development in the Kingdom, and other developing countries.

Transport sector, for example, is an important not only in achieving the Millennium Development Goals agreed internationally, but in order to achieve sustainable development and poverty eradication, therefore the proposed policies should work to create an environment conducive to sustainable transport respond to national priorities in order to address local conditions, and should also achieve the goal of providing safe transportation, affordable, appropriate, and more efficient use of energy to reduce pollution, congestion and adverse health effects. Therefore, the expansion of road networks according to the interconnected networks, it's very important, likewise, there is a need to approach multimedia, and support alternative means of transport, must also be of interest to reduce pollution and emissions by improving fuel quality and the development of cleaner fuels, and enhance vehicle fuel economy and emission standards, and increase investments in cleaner technologies for cars, fuel, improving power and efficiency of the engines, and also to take decisions aimed at improving and providing technology transfer and capacity-building and dissemination of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries in the field of transport.

The mining industry is gaining importance in the kingdom, and is seen by a lot of important industries. In order to draw policy options for the management of the mining industry, we have to enhance transparency in mining activities and the integration of mining activities in sustainable development planning and the

adoption of regulations and mitigate the environmental impacts of mining activities, as well as addressing the social impacts of mining activities through the integration and strengthening of local communities in mining activities, in line with Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, which included support efforts to address the effects of different benefit from mining, and strengthening the participation of stakeholders, and promote mining practices sustainable through the provision of financial capacity building and technical assistance to developing countries, including the proper management and rehabilitation of exploited sites.

There is also a need to address environmental and social impacts of mining, through the adoption of good practices that have been developed including the principles of sustainable mining; and mine safety and occupational health, waste management and waste; and rehabilitation of exploited mines. It can also develop global standards for the proper performance of the mining to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, in order to promote sustainable development and well-being of future generations.

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The chemicals play a major role in the economic development of the whole world, so there is a need to develop a global approach to address issues dealing with chemicals and their use and disposal to reduce risks to human health and the environment. I wish in this regard to assure that sound management of chemicals as mentioned in the Johannesburg Plan of Action is crucial, and that the strengthening of efforts is desirable at the national and international levels.

However, most Developing Countries were experiencing inadequate financial resources and technical capacity to deal with such materials and inadequate information about potential risks. To solve this challenge, there is a need to disseminate information on a wider scale, as well as strengthening cooperation on issues of biotechnology and e-waste, and others.

In this regard, there is a need to reach a common understanding of the provisions relating to the definition of hazardous wastes and other wastes. Of equally important, is the need to achieve coherence and synergies between international conventions on chemicals and hazardous wastes to ensure that addressing issues that are common (such as import and export issues and disposal of chemicals and

illicit trafficking and lack of commitment to the agreements, dispute resolution and commitment of responsibility and support institutions and providing financial and technical assistance to developing countries).

The Kingdom has achieved many successes in the areas of sustainable consumption and production, as addressed in the ten-year framework. In the energy sector: programs have included improving the efficiency of production and consumption of electricity; and the development of the use of public transport to reduce energy consumption and reduce emissions from the transport sector as well as the development of the use of new energy sources and renewable sources of cleaner fuels in the energy.

In order to promote sustainable global growth, in a comprehensive and equitable and the eradication of poverty, it must be noted that it should be recognize different levels of development strategies and policies and development priorities in each country, and encourage the use and production of goods and services that meet basic needs and achieve better quality of life, by reducing emissions and wastes and pollutants, as well as more efficient use of natural resources, while relying on existing programs and priority in various areas, including through the Marrakech Process.

In conclusion, I wish that the efforts to prepare for the forthcoming World Summit on Sustainable Development success.

May peace and Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you.

Alsalamalykomwarahmatullahwabarakatoh.