

Thank you Mr. Chairman

Sweden has for a long time worked to increase the use of renewable energy, and to reduce the use of fossil fuels through various instruments and policies. One of the latest examples is the system with green electricity certificates, promoting renewable production.

Bio energy is used increasingly for district heating systems, and Sweden has also assisted countries in Eastern Europe in making district heating more efficient. Experiences from this can of course be used elsewhere to. These and other experiences will be shared in the Swedish side event taking place in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium on the 10th of May.

Sweden would also like to highlight the importance of sustainable consumption and production patterns in the context of energy. In order for consumers to choose more sustainable life styles information and education is needed, but also cities should be planned to enable the consumers in their daily lives to make sustainable choices. This is true in both developed and developing countries. For example, urban planning should include public transports, district heating and district cooling as options that would contribute to energy efficiency.

In this context let me also announce two events on sustainable consumption and production. One is taking place tonight at the German Mission, and the other tomorrow in the UN conference room nr.2.

Thank you.