Intervention Statement by

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Mr. Chairman

I would like to thank the panelist for presenting the great information about the cross-regional lessons. I would also thank Mr. Chairman for providing me with the floor for making this intervention statement. Clean technology transfer needs to be launched from the developed countries to the less developed and developing countries so that waste mechanisms can be applied and healthy ecological system will be in place for the peoples concerned; market access expansion and cooperation are to be promoted among the regions, i.e. South-South, North-South and North-North, for the benefits of sharing green products, natural resource preservation and supply of organic plants, animals and food to facilitate the living standards of the less developed and developed countries. Such close coordination and collaboration are essential to contribute to the long-term sustainable development, which brings in the balance of the present needs of the current generations with the next ones. This also greatly contributes to the saving of the planet earth, which is, in the long-run, able to supply enough food supply to the world's growing demographic population in the decades to come.

As part of the Southeast Asian region, triangle growth areas have been set up, i.e. Cambodia-Vietnam-Laos Growth Areas, Malaysia-Indonesia-Singapore Growth Areas and the Mekong Delta Growth Areas. This regional practical cooperation really enhances the regional, national and local actions for the protection and management of forestry, biodiversity, and green botanic gardens and parks among the concerned countries. Here, the green practices go hand in hand from institutional arrangements and trade, which does foster socio-economic growth with the right balance to the sound environmental management. All of these actions do raise living conditions and the economic growth of the coordinated areas, and help resolve trans-boundary transport issues, cross-border waste movement and other types of pollution, and finally raise the awareness of pollution control at the regional level.

Green Trade is to be consolidated from region to region in order for the objectives of the CSD-18 to be reached. Environmental economics is now part of the modern economy, and without it, sustainable development in the thematic clusters of the 18 cycle of the CSD cannot find its way forward. In this case, Polluter-Payer principles need to be introduced and enforced from national, regional and inter-regional cooperation ranging from policies to actions and measures. Therefore, the realization of green trade industries and the exchange of agriculture are to be coordinated and collaborated among South-South; North-South regions;

Collective responsibilities for the implementation of green growth actions from the exchanges of experiences and lessons are to be spread and shared among regions, i.e. North and South and countries on a bilateral or multilateral cooperation basis. At the same time, we need to consider tourism as a crucial sector for sustainable development. This needs effective regulations among countries,

institutions, and regions in the management of waste and the protection of environment, in the promotion and enhancement of sustainable development: solid waste rubbish, litters and other wasters) management

Changing patterns of consumption and production necessarily modify the behaviors of consumers in the modern materialist and consumerist societies. The concerns and taking care of the scarce resources by consumers and producers comprehensively induces the efficient use of agriculture and natural resources, fuels and renewable energy in an economic manner. The spirits and mentalities of shrift consumption and production are very important to the sustainable green economies, along with the high degree of competition of the market economy of our today's world.

Thank you very much.