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THEMATIC DISCUSSION:

MEETING GROWING ENERGY NEEDS FOR ENERGY SERVICES THROUGH INCREASED USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY, GREATER RELIANCE ON ADVANCED ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING ADVANCED AND FOSSIL FUEL TECHNOLOGIES

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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank the panelists for informative presentations and reflect on some ideas presented during the morning session.

At the outset, let me stress that we recognize complementarity between fossil fuels and renewable sources of energy; we hold that one should not consider them in isolation. For instance, in Azerbaijan we adopted two separate programmes. One pursues the development of fuel and energy sector; whereas the second one aimed at development and use of renewable energy sources.

Nevertheless as regards to our today's discussion and to the work of session on the whole, we believe it is important to fulfill the following mission: identify obstacles and challenges to energy services, while increasing energy efficiency in supply and consumption systems, as well as discuss lessons learned and consider practices for replication, as appropriate. Endeavour or efforts to promote dialogue and cooperation in the field of development and use of alternative and renewable energy sources should not prevent us to discuss many other aspects and options pertaining to the wider context of energy security.

In this connection I would like to support the points raised by the colleague from Saudi Arabia and underline the importance of comprehensiveness and balance in our discussions. It should be maintained at least due to statistical data on current global energy consumption structure; and facts, forecasts predicting an increase in energy import dependency and energy demand in major regional energy markets. Furthermore, we fully share the view that challenges being faced by oil producing and exporting countries should be also taken into account and addressed, as those very challenges are central to security of energy supply to global markets.

It is crystal clear that to provide sufficient energy supply to the global market, oil producing countries need access to advanced, cleaner and more efficient fossil fuel technologies at an affordable price. Technologies for transforming solid fuels to liquid or gaseous fuel and application of carbon capture and storage technologies are needed. Technical and scientific cooperation, to overcome barriers in controlling gas flaring and venting, including in associated gas reinjection in oil fields, to enhance oil recovery, gas lift system, using associated gas, distribution of associated gas as for fuel utilities and constructing and expanding necessary infrastructure to export gas to markets, should be significantly strengthened.

We believe that these considerations could contribute on the ground to addressing energy and environment related challenges in an integrated and organic manner.