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Mr. Chairman
Honourable Ministers
Excellencies Head of Delegations,
Distinguished delegates
Ladies and Gentleman,

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia being the world's largest energy producing country deals very efficiently, with the increased global demand for energy, because the guaranteed and improved access to energy resources and services is essential to achieve Poverty eradication and sustainable development. In order to achieve this goal, it tries to expand its production capacity, throughout, encouraging private and public sectors investments to reach the targeted levels. The investment opportunities in the kingdom are available and variable, However, these investments are costly and involve high risk with the current uncertain guaranteed continuing global demands for fossil fuel. Furthermore, all energy sources are crucial for the achievement of sustainable development, however, it's better to aim for cleaner and more efficient traditional energy sources according to their respective comparative advantage.

Mr. Chairman,

The Kingdoms development plans aim to enhance the competitiveness of the Saudi products, and improve its integrated links locally, regionally and internationally. Moreover, industrial development has integrated the industrial activities to the Kingdoms commitment to protect the environment through number of efficient policies that the Saudi Delegation suggest its adaptation such as: self- monitoring programmes as a tool for pollution control during operation and production processes, Improve energy efficiency and pollution sources control.

Mr. Chairman

Air pollution is considered as a big threat to human health and the environment, therefore, in order to overcome its consequences, we have to work in partnership with the emissions producing sectors to enhance ambient air quality and adopting financial incentives and polluter-pays principles that encourage individuals and corporations to protect the environment. Furthermore, the Kingdom has taken a further step towards the reduction of pollution emissions from different sources in order to minimize global atmospheric pollution. On the issue of Climate Change, it's recommended to accelerate the efficiency improvement of cleaner

energy sources and more commercially viable. Also, the international support is needed for the establishment of local programmes for achieving energy efficiency, and developing secure and environmentally safe technical alternatives such as carbon capture and storage technique and listing it within CDM projects.

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The Saudi Delegation hopes that our negotiations will result in adopting practical policies to overcome sustainable development obstacles, and adopts balanced and practical decisions that considers the current situation for the energy and its available resources and give more attention to the environmental aspect, through giving the at most priority to the cleaner fossil fuel techniques.

Thank you.

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