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Mr. Chairman,

It is a great pleasure and honour to address you all on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the occasion of the preparation of very important global event in the world, where the Rio + 20 process and Sustainable Development all over the World will be evaluated and defined further steps towards cleaner, greener and sustainable future.

As a country with the Economy in Transition Bosnia and Herzegovina associates itself with the statements made by European Union.

At a this meeting we want to emphasize a great importance of UN Conference on Sustainable Development and it is our pleasure to work together with other countries in the process of preparation of Outcomes Documents.

We want to stress that all the catastrophes that occur around the Globe carry the message on the necessity of turning towards the Green Economy, which will ultimately lead us to the Sustainable Development.

We think that human society, at present, can find the answers to achieve Sustainable Development only in harmony with nature which will be defined through the global political documents, and with the synergies of Three Rio Conventions. Any opposite actions lead towards new eco-systems degradation and made a huge negative impact on environment and people.

We do believe that the our messages to the World gives enough space to every country to proceed with the implementation of its national goals and achieve success in the global process of Green Economy towards Sustainable Development

The challenges of the current economic crisis may slow down the processes of support of the developed countries to non-developed countries, when addressing the issues of green economy, blue economy and sustainable development. In our opinion, that kind of support is obligatory and cannot be decreased.

We believe that Durban outcomes has a positive step and gives more chances for further actions in achieving Sustainable Development goals.

We wanted to emphasise that governments and investors need to maximize the benefits to all three of the pillars of sustainable development which arise from sustainable energy deployment, particularly distributed generation, in the provision of “green growth”, environmental protection and the social advantage of substantial local job creation, both temporary and permanent, from the high multiplier of jobs per unit of Renewable Energy generation

International Community and all of the worlds governments to both access the available sources of scientific knowledge and technological development and ensure that adequate resources are provided for the rapid expansion into new and further research and development in the science of sustainability and its application.

Whilst we undertake to give priority to further research into the means by which social and national harmony may be enhanced by education for work and education for leisure to assist in ensuring that a balance is maintained between work satisfaction and reward on the one hand and sustainably based productive capacity and efficiency on the other hand and to avoid the economic and social losses caused by unemployment, and disaffection.

We believe that we should achieve significant progress in order to persuade more than 7 billion people that we are responsible in this process. I wish to all of us success in the process of negotiations Outcome Documents.

Thank you Mr. Chairman