

Thank you Madam Chair,

Denmark would like to take this opportunity to stress the call for a concrete and action-oriented outcome from CSD 15

The momentum is unique and we owe it to present and future generations to set the world on a sustainable energy path

We need first of all to provide the right market conditions and the right political framework, which the setting of national and regional timebound goals and targets for RE, EE and Access to energy, can provide.

DK would like to stress – in accordance with the EU position, that the setting of goals and commitments in relation to compilation proposed by the EU, is not a condition for obtaining donor funding. There is no such conditionality in that regard.

In the case of Denmark, timebound targeting has been instrumental in decoupling economic growth from increased energy consumption. Our GDP has grown 70 % over the last 25 years, while maintaining same level of energy consumption.

Moreover we must - in the absence of a home for Energy in the UN system, ensure an effective review-arrangement for sustainable energy to help promote RE, EE and Access to energy.

In that regard, Denmark would like to highlight the effort by the Johannesburg Renewable Energy Coalition – JREC, containing some 90 countries committed to the promotion of RE.

Within that framework – and in compliance with commitments stemming from the World Summit in Johannesburg, a specific review arrangement is being proposed, which among other things calls upon UNEP, UNIDO and UNDP through UN Energy to urgently establish a robust arrangement to produce a state of the art progress report for deliberation during the sessions of CSD in 2010 and 2014.

Denmark would like to align itself with this proposal, and would encourage the Chair to reflect the need for such a concrete and action-oriented review-arrangement in the negotiated text.

Thank you Madam Chair

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