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CLIMATE CHANGE
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1 My Delegation wishes to associate itself with the statement made by the distinguished delegate of Pakistan speaking on behalf of Group 77 and China under the current deliberations.

2 Widespread events of natural disasters in many countries including Indonesia recently have become more alarming and it has increasingly shown serious challenge of the climate change to the whole world. However, while addressing this climate change challenge, the developing countries specifically are facing other fundamental challenges with respect to address economic and social development matters including eradication of poverty. It is our firm belief that this Commission will be able to provide policy options in addressing the climate change issues.

3 Despite this pressing challenge, there exists different perceptions among countries on how this problem must be dealt with. In this connection, my Delegation is particularly concerned on the lack of commitment to fulfill the Kyoto Protocol. In this regard, my Delegation calls for a more strengthened international cooperation.

4 Such international cooperation may offer much relevant, among others, in the area of technology transfer on enhancing cleaner and more efficient energy technology which will be useful in reducing the emission of atmospheric pollutants particularly greenhouse gases.

5 Furthermore, we also support an integrated approach to address climate change and put it under the consideration of social, economic, and environmental dimensions as well as the introduction of coherent policies in relevant sectors – inter alia, energy, agriculture, water, forestry, and
transport. If this can be made, then there will be more links between climate change response policy and more comprehensive national policy framework of sustainable development.

6 At the national level, my Government has made some legislative initiatives to strengthen measures to respond to the challenge of climate change including the Presidential Decree no. 39 of 2005 regarding the government work plan which contains stipulation of the needs to address CDM implementation and the increase of the capability to adapt to global climate change. To prepare for the operationalization of CDM, the Government has taken some strategic actions such as the issuance of new regulation to facilitate the entry of foreign capital and foreign firms, as well as the establishment of the Indonesian DNA last year.

7 Finally, I believe that the upcoming COP-XIII UNFCCC / MOP-III Kyoto Protocol to be held in Bali, Indonesia, in December this year, will indeed be a very critical meeting in addressing pressing climate change issues.

Thank you.