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Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to start with offering you words of congratulation on your election to the office of the Chairman of the 14 session of the Commission and to wish successful accomplishment of your mission.

Attaining sustainable development is a key to the global sustainability. One of the important aspects in achieving by developing countries sustained economic growth and development is facilitation access and transfer of environmentally sound and economically viable technologies.

Kazakhstan supports outcomes of the Asia-Pacific regional implementation meeting, held in Bangkok on January 2006, and calls upon Commission to take fully into consideration recommendations of that meeting during this session.

As it was pointed out in the report of that meeting the challenging issues for the region of Central Asia include among others, cooperation to enable capacity building, technology transfer and use, diversification of the energy mix. Kazakhstan is fully committed to promoting sustainable development and takes measures to improve ecological efficiency of its economic development pattern.

Kazakhstan as one of the fast growing suppliers of energy resources to the world market makes every effort to contribute to the world energy safety and sustainable development by increasing its oil production. We support conclusions of the Secretary-General contained in the report “Energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution and climate change” that a reliable energy supply will require increased investments in and support for upstream and downstream infrastructures, including oil production infrastructures.

The challenge of diversification to reduce dependency of the economy on oil and gas exports requires huge investments in a new technologies, equipment and human resources. Hence, assistance to developing countries in implementation of diversification programmes is of paramount importance.

Kazakhstan adopted in 2003 “Strategy for industrial-innovative development” intended for diversification of our economy. In order to

improve management in the sphere of industrial-innovative development the special “Fund for sustainable development - Kazyna” has been established in March 2006. A number of new national development agencies like Development Bank, Investment and Innovation Funds have been established in recent years.

Attaining ecological sustainability is one of priority tasks of the Government of Kazakhstan. The Government is planning to adopt this year “Ecological code”, which is intended for harmonization the national ecological law with the international agreements. Adoption of a new standards and improvement of the state control system in the field of environment protection are envisaged in a new code. Measures on environment protection will be directed on development of a new technologies for industrial enterprises and reconstruction of old ones.

In conclusion, I would like to note that ecologically responsible approach in dealing with the issues of energy and industrial development is of most importance for sustainable development and our common goal is to ensure effective use of available energy resources and development of new one.

Thank you.