

STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

The State of Kuwait reaffirms the importance of promoting energy efficiency as an integrated approach towards achieving sustainable development goals and objectives at all levels, national, regional and international.

Mr. Chairman,

Protecting the environment and enabling all the countries, particularly the developing countries, to achieve economic development is the spirit and main drive of the global sustainable development.

In this context, technology development and access ability to advanced technologies plays an important role in achieving high energy efficiency through capacity-building, adequate applied R & D and proper institutional arrangements; particularly for conventional energy sources, namely fossil fuel.

This is to vitalize the Johannesburg outcome under item 20 which calls upon governments and other stakeholders to take several actions including improving energy efficiency and greater reliance on advanced energy technologies, including renewable energies, cleaner fossil fuel technologies and the sustainable use of traditional energy resources, in order to meet the growing need for energy services in the longer term to achieve sustainable development. In this regard, Kuwait has invested heavily in basic and applied R & D projects that are undertaken by the Environment Public Authority, the Petroleum Sector, Universities and research center in an integrated manner aiming at reducing emissions and combating air pollution.

Mr. Chairman,

Technology issues and technology partnership are vital for both the governmental and the private sector, particularly since the private sector in the developing countries is gaining more ground in the overall energy scene.

In my country, and for the first time an initiative by the local private sector is undergoing to establish an enterprise for CO₂ sequestration, aiming at combating air pollution in a sustainable manner.

Although, this is a pioneering enterprise, however, obtaining the advanced technology remains a major concern.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.