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STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,
Mr. Under-Secretary General,
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to begin with congratulating all the participants, and especially you, Minister Bórbely, on effective negotiations and joint efforts during the 19th Session of the Commission for Sustainable Development. I rest assured that these efforts will result in finding concrete solutions in order to more effectively face the many challenges of modern times, as well as in defining a Ten Year Framework Program on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP), which in my opinion is the key issue of this year's Session. This Framework has to be a result of a consensus between all interested parties, which is that the existing trends of consumption and production are unsustainable, and that there is a strong need for a political and financial support for concrete programs that will result in an innovative implementation of the developmental paradigm.

Mr. Chairman,

Montenegro aligns itself with the statement delivered by the delegation of Hungary on behalf of the EU. Considering our constitutional dedication to developing as an ecological state, Montenegro has additional responsibility to direct its resources towards finding solutions for sustainable development. Bearing in mind the importance of the upcoming Conference in Rio de Janeiro and the need to urgently implement all of the thus far adopted policies on sustainable development, I would like to affirm Montenegro's readiness to actively participate in the overall preparatory process for the Rio+20 Summit.

Mr. Chairman,

In order to effectively implement the conclusions and recommendations which we will adopt during this Session, it is necessary to take into account the developmental particularities and needs of individual countries and regions. With an unconditional support to global efforts for eradicating poverty in the least developed countries, I have to note that, unfortunately, the Western Balkans region finds itself lost between developing countries and the developed ones, and is thus often inadequately represented in international documents.

Mr. Chairman,

Montenegro has, in its chairmanship over the South-East Europe Cooperation Process (SEECF), organized a Ministerial Meeting on energy and sustainable development in April 2011. This was at the same time the first preparatory meeting of the countries of the region for the Summit in Rio de Janeiro. The meeting has resulted in the adoption of the Budva Declaration, which will be distributed with this speech, and through which the importance of private investments, public-private partnership and international cooperation with the establishment of regional centers for innovation have been recognized.

I am convinced that it is only through the strengthening of regional mechanisms that we can reach a global consensus on further steps necessary towards achieving an equal, inclusive and essentially sustainable development.

Thank you.

Budva Declaration

on strengthening regional cooperation and coordination in promotion of energy in the context of sustainable development and green economy in South East Europe

*At the meeting of Ministers of Sustainable Development and Energy of
The South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP)
Budva, April 8th, 2011*

We, Ministers and high representatives of the SEECP participating states, responsible for Sustainable Development and Energy,

1. *Reaffirming* the vital importance of stability, strengthening of democratic institutions and the implementation of the EU, Euro-Atlantic and UN policies in the region, as we agreed that broader and deeper collaboration with these international partners and institutions is required to develop and implement sustainable solutions and to promote sustainable development,
2. *Acknowledging* that the aim of this SEECP Ministerial Meeting, is to identify regional needs and priorities, and provide synergic guidance as well as facilitate harmonization of donors' activities, thus avoiding overlapping and duplication, ahead/in view of the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro,
3. *Recognising* that sustainable development involves human progress towards a more prosperous and equitable future within the context of environmental protection and development with respect to the access to resources, energy, markets, health and education,
4. *Demonstrating* our willingness to firmly continue cooperation in promoting sustainable energy use, environmental protection and social inclusion, with the aim of enforcing principles of sustainable development and exploring the opportunities for green economy strongholds on national, regional and global levels,
5. *Recalling* the fact that visible results and continuous improvements in sustainable energy use lead to sustainable development and can be achieved only through coherent, integrated and transparent regional cooperation and approach,
6. *Being convinced* that climate change presents an imminent danger which requires an extraordinary regional and global response that must involve balanced attention to mitigation and adaptation, by respecting the priority of economic and social progress of both developed and developing countries,

7. *Being aware that the need for deployment of transformational clean energy technologies at lowest possible cost is urgent, and that a transition to low-carbon economies must become an opportunity to promote continued economic growth and sustainable development ,*
8. *Having regard to the EU Resource Efficiency Flagship and the Europe 2020 Strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth which includes commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20%, to increase the share of renewable energy to 20% and to make a 20% improvement in energy efficiency,*
9. *Recognizing that the EU Roadmap for moving to a competitive low carbon economy in 2050 represents an integral part of a global strategy to prevent negative climate changes and keep the global average temperature increase below 2oC compared to pre-industrial levels, and*
10. *Reaffirming the objectives, provisions and principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development as well as the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change,*

Hereby declare our commitment to:

- a. Coordinate public sector's "lead-by-example" actions in research, development and promotion of inclusive growth and sustainable development, while recognizing the importance of private investment, public-private partnerships and international cooperation, including through development of regional innovation centers.
- b. Our preparations for the Rio Conference on Sustainable Development with regards to the issues of identifying tools and mechanisms for implementation of green technologies in the energy sector in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, including energy poverty.
- c. Continue joint work on removing barriers, establish incentives, enhance capacity-building, and implement appropriate measures, building on best practice policies, and within the framework of international agreements as well as our respective laws and practices, and to strongly support deployment and transfer of key existing and new low-carbon technologies, in accordance with national circumstances.
- d. Promote the use of existing national and international instruments and facilitating mechanisms based on the multi-stakeholder approach and mutually beneficial collaboration among governments, civil society, business sector, industry and scientific community;

Budva, Montenegro, April 8th 2011