

OAPEC statement on Climate Change: 2 May 2007

Mr. Chairman,

OAPEC would like to support the statement made by Pakistan on behalf of G77 and China.

International cooperation is essential to tackling the global challenge of climate change, and there are several channels in providing technical assistance to developing countries in order to implement adaptation measures. We look forward for involving all stakeholders in order to assist developing countries in planning and implementing adaptation action plans.

Most of OAPEC members had ratified UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol, and they submitted their first National Communication reports to UNFCCC, while some are in the process of preparing for the second National Communication report.

We believe that there is a need to ensure equitable geographical distribution for CDM projects among all the UN regions, thus contributing to sustainable development, Knowing that the Arab region have limited numbers of CDM projects.

We look forward for more progress on developing and strengthening national institutional capacities for participation in CDM.

OAPEC members strongly support the inclusion of Carbon Capture and Storage technology under CDM project activities due to its importance in reducing CO2 gas emissions.

We look for strengthening policies and actions that promote further rapid deployment and development, as well as reducing cost of Carbon Capture and Storage technologies.

Many efforts need to be supported by international community through actions including:

- 1- Building institutional capacity and training in all areas especially climate modeling, and observation and data management.
- 2- Strengthening funding mechanism of the UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol, mainly Adaptation Fund, Special Climate Change Fund, and other related funds in order to assist developing countries in meeting their commitments under UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol.
- 3- Mitigating the impact of policies and measures adopted by industrialized countries to comply with their commitments under UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol.

Thank YOU Mr. Chairman.