

OAPEC statement on Energy for Sustainable development: 2 May 2007

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

OAPEC is very much looking for a successful CSD-15 outcome in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

Madam Chair,

Efforts to modernize the extraction and processing of Hydrocarbons offer opportunities for energy efficiency gains, in particular in the downstream refinery industries of oil exporting countries.

We believe that oil and gas producing and exporting countries require access to advanced technologies to improve efficiency of extraction and refinery processes.

Possible actions must be considered to support those efforts, include dissemination of the best practices and capacity building.

Madam Chair,

We believe that strengthening the development, use and transfer of cleaner advanced energy technologies is crucial to improving access to energy services.

A major problem with most of the cleaner energy technologies is cost. Together with increasing the scale of deployment, research and development are essential tools for reducing this cost.

Madam Chair,

Carbon Capture and Storage technology is a viable mitigation option to reduce CO₂ gas emissions as well as NO_x. At present 33 million tons of CO₂ are captured every year worldwide. We look forward to strengthening cooperation on this option as well as increasing research and development.

The CCS option should be integrated into energy policies, emission trading schemes, energy balance scenarios and models in order to avoid discrimination against clean fossil fuels use.

Finally, we believe that energy policies and actions should be supportive to the global efforts to eradicate poverty, increase capacity building, transfer of clean technology, and financing in developing countries.

Last but not least, we look for proactive and participatory efforts by all countries to achieve a sustainable and secure energy future.

Thank you Madam Chair.