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Policies and Priorities**

In the Name of God the Compassionate and the Merciful

Mr. Chairman,  
Your Excellencies Heads of Delegations,  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The tragic circumstances under which many of the peoples of the developing countries live due to poverty and absence of the minimum standards of life in dignity call for more efforts by the international community to realize the Millennium Development Goals and halve poverty by the year 2015.

Despite the achievements realized in the implementation of the Johannesburg Plan of Action in many states, the many challenges we face in the fields of energy, industrial development, air pollution and climate change make it incumbent upon us to act together and cooperate in order to develop new visions for effective solutions on the short, medium and long term.

The variations in the priorities of developing and industrial nations, dictated by the diversity of their economic and social standards are difficulties that ought to be addressed and debated in an objective a transparent manner.

The priorities of the industrial countries revolve around assured energy supplies while mitigating further environmental degradation. These priorities prompted the industrial nations to set quantitative and chronological targets to reduce their dependency on fossil fuels. They imposed taxes on oil products and continued to support renewable sources of energy.

In the mean time, the priorities of the oil and gas exporting developing countries center on non-interrupted supply and assured energy products markets, with no use-restriction taxes.

Given the above, it is necessary to pursue dialogue between the developing and industrial countries to develop an understanding that serves the interests of all parties and achieves the objectives of sustainable development.

Mr. Chairman,

Faced with these challenges and the discrepancies between different positions, technological developments play a central role that must be vigorously pursued to develop the energy resources and provide clean and environmentally sound energy to limit polluting emissions that contribute to climate change.

We must pursue targeted policies to promote international cooperation to satisfy the needs of developing countries that lack the adequate energy resources necessary to achieve socio-economic development. Meanwhile, all parties must seek to mitigate the adverse consequences of climate change. They should develop the necessary measures and programs to grapple with their repercussions in developing countries in general, and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in particular.

These challenges will constitute the basis for our work in the next session. We look forward to more success in the course of next year in developing adequate policy directives to be presented to the intergovernmental policy coordination meeting scheduled to be held in February 2007.

Mr. Chairman,  
Your Excellencies,

In conclusion, allow me to reiterate my country's commitment to sustainable development. This is the commitment expressed on repeated occasions by His Royal Highness the Emir of Qatar, Sheik Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani. His Royal Highness affirmed his support to all measures aiming at alleviating the suffering of the peoples of the world, and enabling them to raise their standards of living and realize their development objectives. It is in the spirit of the commitment of the State of Qatar to contribute to the question of development that we hosted the Second South Summit in June of 2005. During the Summit, Qatar undertook the initiative to establish the South Fund for Development and Humanitarian Situations. Qatar also affirmed its commitment to earmark a share of its GNI for development assistance, of which 15% will be dedicated to LDC's as of 2006.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.....