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Statement

**Proposal to observe “the UN / World Energy Efficiency Day”
to enhance promoting the energy efficiency on the global level**

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Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,

It is my pleasure to give a statement to UN CSD today on behalf of the Consumers Korea, Energy Caucus/CSD NGO as well as a member of the Energy Committee of the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Presidential Commission of Sustainable Development.

Because of rapidly increasing amount of world energy consumption, air pollution and climate change is very significant situations; I would like to propose that UN CSD recommends to ECOSOC and the GA observance of “UN/World Energy Efficiency Day” to enhance promoting the energy efficiency on the global level.

Energy Efficiency

Mr. Chairman, as you know, the co-benefits from implementing energy efficiency measures are numerous, including reduced costs, reduced energy demand, improved air quality and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. However, market-related and institutional barriers need to be overcome and improved energy efficiency technologies need to be made available to promote the adoption and use of energy efficiency measures.

Creating increase awareness of the long-term advantages of energy efficiency and promoting cooperation among all nations is further practical measure that could increase the energy efficiency.

In this regards, the role of industries to promote EE are very important. Energy efficiency and conservation can reduce energy use by up to 70

-90%, so that no new nuclear and fossil fuel plants would be needed.

International Cooperation

As a NGO, Consumers Korea has been working on campaigns and actions to promote energy efficiency and sustainable consumption & production for last 10 years in close cooperation with its international partners and Ministry of Commerce, Energy and Industry and Ministry of Environment of Rep. Korea. One of the campaigns could lead to improve energy efficiency of electric home appliances and keep contributing to change in public lifestyle which is the sustainable consumption patterns.

“UN / World Energy Efficiency Day”

As we pursue to promote the energy efficiency, we recognize that having the chance to cooperate and share the progress with the implementation of the actions and successful experiences to promote energy efficiency for all distinguished governments and international organizations is essential. And it is needed to establish the “UN/World Energy Efficiency Day” to assure dissemination of the energy efficiency.

Having a "UN / World Energy Efficiency Day" could have various positive impacts: It could encourage organizations who already organize some form of local campaigns. It will be also provide some form of better justification for people engaged in such public benefit campaigning to secure greater government participation and support and more public or private funding.

"UN / World Energy Efficiency Day" could contribute to sustainable energy consumption through fostering use of energy efficiency with additional "moral support". The Ministry of commerce, Energy and Industry of Rep. of Korea will share its experience and to support the UN in implementing such campaigns in the future.

We would like to strongly propose to observe 09 May, the opening day of the high level segment of CSD-15, as "UN / World Energy Efficiency Day"

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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