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Madam Chair, Distinguished delegates,

We wish to thank the Chairman for his draft negotiating document.

The main objective of the energy sector is to supply the energy required for economic and social development in a sustainable manner. While meeting the energy demand, the environmental effects should be kept at minimum.

Within that perspective, Turkey believes that the outcome of the CSD 15 should include a clear policy option stating that Sustainable Development Principles should be integrated into sectoral policies with particular emphasis on energy sector. Turkey is implementing a project namely Integration of Sustainable Development into Sectoral Policies and in this context Energy Sector was determined as one of the pilot sectors. We will share our experiences with the participants on May 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, tomorrow evening at the side event.

Turkey strongly believes that development and widespread adoption of cleaner and renewable energy technologies will help to reduce air pollution and advance sustainable development at the global level. In this context I would also like to mention the International Center for Hydrogen Energy (ICHET) which was established in Istanbul.

Turkey attaches great importance to the realization of hydro energy potential which is the most important renewable energy source domestically. Also, use of geothermal energy in meeting the residential energy needs such as heating and hot water is vital. Therefore we believe that these issues need to be strengthened in Chairman's draft negotiation document.

Another important issue for the developing countries is the formation of healthy and well functioning energy market structures. International support should be focused on the formation of legally and financially sustainable energy markets in developing countries.

Turkey believes that financial and technical support of international institutions for the use of energy efficient technologies and clean coal technologies are also important and we suggest that countries should give much importance to this issue. Without additional international support, it is not affordable for the developing countries to implement clean coal, carbon capture and storage technologies for energy production.

Last but not least, Turkey believes that energy supply security is a crucial factor for poverty eradication, and social and economic development. Turkey is trying to strengthen its role as an energy hub and a transit country in the region. By doing so, we believe we can substantially contribute to the global energy security of supplies.

Thank you Madam Chair.