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Statement by

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Review of SDG implementation

**SDG7- Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern
energy for all**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Israel is proud to stand at the forefront of global efforts to transform our world to be more sustainable and resilient.

2018 is a turning point for the installation of solar roofing on both public and private facilities. We also expect to publish tenders for additional solar installations on water reservoirs, and increases wind energy production.

Towards 2025, Israel will decrease its oil imports, including gasoline and diesel for transportation. Moreover, the Minister of Energy announced that gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles would be banned in 2030. We are also facing a revolution in the field of Fossil fuel for transportation.

As soon as 2025, most public transportation and trucks will be powered by compressed or liquid natural gas, all produced locally.

Israel serves as a hub and incubator for hundreds of companies in the field of smart and cooperative transportation. We do this as a complementary measure to our regulatory efforts to reduce the number of vehicles on the roads and thus, reduce air pollution and carbon footprint.

Mr. President,

Israel understands that significant challenges face the international community as we work towards our stated goals. If we succeed in breaking down barriers and encourage cooperation among government agencies, public and private sectors, the sky is the limit.

We have full faith that we will succeed in leaving a clearer more prosperous world for the next generation.

Thank you.