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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the bureau for your efforts in organizing the thematic debates and the overall work for the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD).

My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Argentina on behalf of the Group of 77 and China .

As it is known, Transport stands in the forefront of sustainable development and the main objectives of climate protection, improving energy efficiency and reducing emissions in transportation are among the greatest challenges facing the sector which require a collaborative approach between governments, private sector and relevant stakeholders.

At the national level, the transportation sector accounts for more than 10% of Jordan's GDP. It is growing at an annual rate of 6%. Finding the right balance between supporting the economic drivers of mobility and reducing transport's energy intensity and emissions is among the priorities of the Jordanian Government's policy agenda. The government has undertaken a set of initiatives to plan for key transportation infrastructure investments and to improve policies, regulations and operational practices. Mainly, a national transport strategy to upgrade the country's infrastructure, and enable Jordan to capitalize on its natural geographical advantages has been developed. The strategy aims at encouraging energy efficiency, reducing emissions, and reducing dependence on non-renewable resources, minimizing the environmental impacts of transportation infrastructure and

operations and better integrating community needs with transportation infrastructure development.

To be able to face the new challenges, the government of Jordan is currently strengthening its transport sector by improving networks and facilities of all transport modes in addition to reviewing transport sector related regulations and laws, while addressing the cohesive frameworks and approaches to Planning and System-wide Perspective, Design and Construction, Operations, maintenance and Performance Measures that can be applied to transportation in the context of sustainability, in order to promote transport investment & establish a sector that is well prepared to achieve a high level of sustainability in the long run. Which is to be considered in conjunction with the overall development strategies.

In conclusion, my delegation believes that continuing dialogue in this international fora and further discussions and sharing examples of best practices with other nations are essential to our continued progress.

I thank you.