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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished delegates, we welcome the contributions of UN secretariat for the paper on air pollution. Sustainable development is one of the principles of Turkey's National Development Plan. In this context Turkey, attaches importance to the cleaner fuels and switching from traditional biomass fuels. We implement many projects for both capacity building and implement investments for renewables. Turkey believes that, for improving the air quality in the urban environment, use of improved technology for the national sources such as coal and use of cleaner energy sources are important. In addition to the natural gas as a cleaner source, we suggest the other sources of renewables such as hydroenergy, should be added to the text, since it is a 0 CO₂ source.

As to the air pollution, due to industrial production, the efficiency of energy use is important and financial resources and incentives should be supplied to the industry for supporting their work. Turkey, being in the process of EU harmonization is trying to increase the efficiency of energy use which will improve the air quality. We believe that financial and technical support of the international financial institutions for the use of environmentally friendly and clean-coal technologies is important, and we suggest countries should give much importance to this issue.

Thank you Mr. Chairman,