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Ministry of Environment

The address of the Minister of Environment
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Convention

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Mr. Chairman:
Ladies and gentlemen:

I am pleased here on behalf of Syrian Arab Republic to thank Federal Germany, President, Government and people for hosting this meeting and for hospitality and facilities provided for us in this meeting.

Also, I thank UNEP and International Organization's efforts exerted in preparing this important World Conference to the human existence.

Gentleman:

Climate Change and its adverse impacts on earth becomes humanity's preoccupation gases concentrations in Atmosphere increase with increasing human activities.

The Climate Changes with its unhealthy effect on environment and economic and social life require the world cooperation from all the countries and the effective international response based on our common responsibilities and according to our capabilities and social and economic conditions.

It is high time that all the countries effectively implement there environmental legislation and taking the adequate procedures to protect the atmosphere from the gaseous pollutants specially CFC's compounds according to Vienna Convention on Ozone layer Protection in 1985 and Montereal Protocol in 1987.

We have to pursue the valuable analytical scientific programs of World Organization of Metrology and UNEP in addition to the other international bodies and scientific centres researches in the world.

It is our duty now to adopt precaution measures in order to decrease the Climate Changes and reduce its bad effects, in addition to our cooperation efforts the sustanabilities of the developments specially in developing countries which enable these countries to deal with the problems of the climate changes.

Therefore, the developed countries have to secure the adequate clean technologies and the financial resources to the developing countries in order to fulfil their social, economical and environmental commitments which guarantee the sustainability of development without any damages resulted from the application of the required engagements towards the International Convention on Climate Changes.

Gentleman:

Syrian Arab Republic has recognized the importance of the convention on climate changes and the necessity of being enjoyed to it. And we are now preparing to sign this convention.

Syria is one of the Arab countries which cares much about the Environment and that is clarified by founding a special ministry for the issues of environment four years ago.

Syrian Arab Republic has been joined to all different international conventions on environment and development, and it has many important programs in different kinds of development and environmental issues in cooperation with international programs.

The most important ones are : establishing treatment plants for sewage discharge and waste treatment units either domestic or industrial ones.

These procedures have been accompanied with setting criteria for different kinds of solid, liquid, gaseous and chemical pollutants. Syria has also set special programs in the field of agriculture developments and land cover protection including increasing forest to combat desertification and soil degradation.

The process of environment impact assessment is going on in our country in all field of social development to protect environment of bad effect resulted from industrial and agricultural activities. We also held workshops for training and rehabilitation on health, environmental and vocational safety.

No doubt the most disturbing problem affecting the biological atmosphere is the climate changes and its adverse impacts on life and environment. Syria has undertaken the stratospheric Ozone Layer measurements above the eastern Mediterranean in addition to the coming Ultraviolet Rays on earth surface in this region.

Damascus is scientific model for these measurements because of its location within an area of special climate condition and will help scientist in solving many scientific questions on Ozone.

The developing countries are looking for technical and financial assistance from the concerned international bodies to achieve the UN aspired goals of the International Convention on Climate Changes. We have all to cooperate to achieve these goals with less cost, harm and more rapid as much as possible.

Gentlemen:

The most important procedure, we as government and organizations should take is increasing the public awareness that we can, through the governmental and public awareness,

modify our present policies and regulations concerned the use of material which have an adverse impact on climate and atmosphere surrounding the earth.

The big development in man, life and earth protection and ending the hot and cold wars during which human capabilities were wasted which if they were used for human prosperity, this planet would be a model of happiness , luxury, health and safety.

It is naturally to cooperate in this world to settle comprehensive , just and honoured peace in every site of this planet. This peace has to be settled on international legitimacy and rules basis of United Nations in order to prevail security in every part of the world that we live on.

We all have to work on to pull out all kinds of destruction chemical and biological weapons that threaten the destiny of this planet and the prosperity of life. The nations have to be committed to the conventions and the international legitimacy which ratified by UN to secure the safety and balance to this planet and its environment.

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Finally, on behalf of Syrian Arab Republic, president, government and people we wish you success in this conference. We wish you happiness and good health.

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