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STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
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TO THE PLENARY
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Thank you Mr. Chairman:

The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) would like to thank you and the parties for the opportunity to address the plenary. NARUC represents the utility regulators of all 50 U.S. States and the U.S. Territories. The state utility regulators are responsible for decisions that have significant economic and environmental impacts and affect over two-hundred and fifty million utility ratepayers.

Given this responsibility NARUC is very interested in the work of the Climate Change Secretariat and the negotiations under the convention.

As the negotiations continue NARUC would like to strongly urge the parties to:

- * support a full and vigorous debate including all stakeholders and considering all alternatives regarding the mitigation of anthropogenic greenhouse gases, adaptation policies and other measures;
- * continue support of a coordinated research effort to establish scientific agreement as to the effects of human activities on the accumulation of greenhouse gases and their contribution to global climate change;

- * to proceed cautiously with regard to any new aims and post 2000 commitments for greenhouse gas mitigation strategies that would place an undue cost burden on utility customers; and
- * continue to support the development of cost-effective alternative energy resources and more efficient uses of energy.

NARUC is honored to have been accredited as an NGO at COP-1 and as such to continue to take part in the deliberations and negotiations on this most important issue of profound magnitude not only to state and national governments, but to the entire world.

Thank you