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At

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On

Technology, including technology use and development and
transfer of technologies

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Mr President, / *Chairman*

We would like to join other colleagues in giving priority to action. Indeed, we cannot afford to continue discussing without concrete steps to implement what we have agreed in many meetings.

We acknowledge that technology is necessary to address climate change issues. In this regard, it is recognised that developing countries do not possessed such technologies. Hence, Decision 4/CP.7 was formulated to develop meaningful and effective actions to increase and improve the transfer of Environmentally Sound Technology.

We recognised that there are various COP decisions, which has clearly spelt out the actions to be carried out. In this regard, Malaysia would like developed country parties to translate these decisions to actions. They must not find excuses to shy away from their commitments.

Developing countries have repeatedly been told that transfer of technology cannot be exercised because the much-needed technologies are within the private sector domain and there are IPR issues and ultimately the price to overcome. Hence, developing countries have to pay a premium price to acquire these technologies from the market. Thus, we have to find innovative ways to make these technologies affordable to more developing countries. Perhaps, import tax incentives by developing countries for these

technologies could be matched by export tax incentives provided by developed countries.

In addition, we would like to reiterate and emphasise that developed countries should:

- i. implement the identified technology needs of the developing countries;
- ii. provide a list of the available ~~climate friendly~~ ^{Environmentally Sound (ES)} technologies;
- iii. provide enabling incentives including financial support to accelerate the transfer of privately-owned ~~climate friendly~~ ^{Environmentally Sound} technologies; and last but not least,
- iv. enhance partnership in joint research and development with developing countries and facilitate access to ~~climate friendly~~ ^{Environmentally Sound} technologies.

Mr President / Mdm Chair / Mr Chairman

We would like to urge Parties to find every possible ways to put Kyoto Protocol into force.

And finally before I conclude, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Government of Malaysia to invite my fellow Ministers to Malaysia for the Seventh Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the First Meeting of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety from 9-27 February 2004.

Thank you.