

**STATEMENT  
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**Honorable Mr. President,  
Honorable Ministres,  
Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is my pleasure to participate at the Fifth Session of the Conference of Parties of United Nations Convention of Climate Changes and to take the floor on behalf of the Delegation of Albania.

Since January 1994, when the Climate Change Convention was ratified by our Parliament, the Government of Albania has accepted the commitments under this document and as many non Annex I country Parties, has been taking actions in fulfilling them.

The preparation of the First National Communication to the Conference of the Parties may be considered as the first step in the actual implementation of the Convention.

The GEF financed Project on Enabling Activities is under the implementation process.

This project will, for the first time, enable Albania to prepare a National Communication with the Conference of Parties of Climate Change Convention.

The First Albanian National Communication will be compound of an inventory of greenhouse gases for the base year 1994; an assessment of potential impacts of Climate Change in Albania; an analysis of potential measures to abate the increase in greenhouse gas emissions; and a National Action Plan to address climate change and its adverse impacts;

The initial emphasis, has been put on greenhouse gas inventory and assessment of potential impacts of climate changes in Albania. Based on the results of these studies, the options to mitigate climate change by addressing

greenhouse gas emissions or facilitating adaptation to climate change will be analyzed, and in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, a National Action Plan to address climate changes and its adverse impacts will be prepared, establishing the basis for the revision of the relevant chapters of National Environmental Action Plan.

Our working strategy during the project implementation, has been consisting on involving the best institutions in Albania to implement the different activities of the project, taking stock and fully the resources and results of relevant prior and ongoing national or international activities.

The National Energy strategy, prepared in the frame of the PHARE program, will serve as a good base where the mitigation analysis will be focused on. Also the national strategies of agriculture and waste management will be fully taken into consideration.

Regarding international collaboration, working links with relevant regional and international expert institutions have already been created. In this context, we have utilized the results and lessons learnt from other ongoing or finalized international projects like UNEP Country Case Studies on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Assessment, CC:TRAIN, and US Country Study Program.

The international collaboration has been facilitated by the GEF/ National Communication Support Program, established last year, through organizing regional thematic workshops and the direct help which never missed.

Beside the preparation of the national communication, the project will make possible rising the general awareness and knowledge, rising the interest of the wide public circles on climate change related issues in Albania; strengthening the dialogue information exchange and cooperation among all the relevant stakeholders including the governmental, non-governmental, academic, and private sector.

We hope the project for preparation of National Communication, will enhance the capacity of the Government of Albania and other participating institutions to better analyze the various aspects of Climate Change and potential response measures to be undertaken in Albania.

At national level, the project will contribute to general planning and strategy formulation by identifying "win-win" measures, which beside addressing



climate change, represent also the cheapest option to meet national development goals, such as meeting increasing energy needs of the population, or promoting sustainable management of the national resources.

Dear colleagues,

We are about entering a century in which we will be consuming more, expecting more and demanding more. Global Climate Change represents one of the most serious environmental issues in the history of the mankind. We are aware of fact that measures which will have to be taken, require a strong cooperation on national and international level.

On behalf of the Albanian Government I promise you that we will continue to contribute on the ongoing international negotiations related to climate change, and to analyze the opportunities and obligations that the new initiative and commitments will be posed at the national level, in order to better contribute to the global efforts in addressing the climate change and its adverse impacts.

Thank You for attention

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