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MR. CHAIRMAN,

THE SUCCESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE ADVERSE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH THE USE OF THE APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY.

TECHNOLOGY IS THUS THE KEY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS ADVERSE IMPACTS. IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO FIND A SOLUTION FOR THE BEST WAY OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO THE COUNTRIES NEEDED.

AS YOU KNOW, MR. CHAIRMAN, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ESPECIALLY SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES DUE TO THEIR FRAGILE ECONOMICS AND LOW LYING COAST ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE. IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT THESE COUNTRIES HAVE ACCESS TO ALTERNATIVE AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES THAT NEEDS TO BE IDENTIFIED OR DEVELOPED. DUE TO LIMITED CAPACITY AND LACK OF SKILLS THEY ENCOUNTER GREAT DIFFICULTY IN IDENTIFYING AND ASSESSING THE APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES BUT MOREOVER TO APPLY THOSE TECHNOLOGIES THAT WILL HELP US TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE AND RELATED ISSUES. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THESE TECHNOLOGIES THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IS MADE AVAILABLE TO RESPOND TO THE LOCAL NEEDS AND PRIORITIES.

MR. CHAIRMAN,

CONFRONTED WITH THESE PROBLEMS, THE MOST SUSTAINABLE WAY OF FACING THESE CHALLENGES IS TO BUILD STRONGER AND MORE EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS ON LOCAL, NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.

AT LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL IT REGARDS PARTNERSHIPS WITH ALL SOCIAL ACTORS IN THIS FIELD TO EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY IDENTIFY AND ASSESS THE TECHNOLOGY NEEDS. AT THE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL IT REGARDS THE BUILDING OF PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITH THE AIM TO BUILD CAPACITY AS TO GAIN THE TECHNICAL SKILLS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO BUILD EXPERTISE IN THIS AREA.

IN THIS REGARD DEVELOPED COUNTRIES THAT HAVE THE EXPERTISE AND THE RESOURCES MUST BE MORE WILLING IN MAKING GREATER EFFORTS TO FACILITATE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

WITH THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND TECHNOLOGIES TOGETHER WE WILL BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CONVENTION. THE SOLUTION IS NOT TOO DIFFICULT TO FIND. THE CONVENTION HAS ENOUGH INGREDIENTS TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS AND THE PROMOTION OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IT IS UP TO US TO DELIVER AS WE COMMITTED OURSELVES TO DO.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN