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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me at the beginning to express my thanks and appreciations for the hospitality that our delegations and I have received, and for the good organization of the sixth conference of the contracting parties.

I also would like to address my congratulation for electing you as a president for our meeting, and for the good management and proceeding of this special and vital conference.

Mr. president,

Our meeting today is very important as we are embark upon beginning of 21 century, and the problems which could affect our people in the future, especially the new phenomena that is referred to as climate change.

What we are discussing today needs from us to concentrate our objectives within comprehensive policies to face the challenges, starting from the national needs and reaching the regional and international needs. What we are discussing and what we want to achieve must reflect our needs especially in the field of transferring clean technologies that assist in reducing GHG, and the commitments of industrialized countries, to reduce the gap between north and south, and needs on the environmental balance. The time has come to move from drawing policies to implementing them.

WE in Syria are starting to take measures to contribute to emission reduction, we finished our technical report for climate

change and we identified all emission sources and the necessary measures to reduce it.

Also, our country is building dams to produce electricity and we have switched 60% of our power stations to work on gas instead of fuel. We also provided heavy industries by gas and we are constructing a facility to collect the burnt gas to use it in the transport sector.

Our national conservation strategy was prepared and its main objectives to protect the natural resources, to reach sustainable development and to reduce emissions.

Capacity building and public participations are also main targets of the national action plan, and we believe that governments cannot tackle the problems by it self, the engagement of NGOs and privet sector is very important.

Our country is trying to reach the best result in the field of protecting the Env. But due to certain circumstances in our region and the huge amount of nuclear weapon, which accumulated in Israel, we are afraid of the near future. We confirm that the international commission for nuclear energy should monitor the nuclear plant in Israel especially after some indicators for linkages in the area have started to appear, and we are looking to reach a clean area from this kind of weapon.

Let us today make all our effort to protect our plant and to secure a safe future for our new generations by making our commitments to implement and apply the Kyoto protocol, and all the recommendations and measurers that result from our meeting.