



Republic of Uzbekistan

STATEMENT TO THE THIRD SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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Dear Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen!

It is a great honour to me as the head of delegation from the Republic of Uzbekistan to express my cordial congratulations to Mr. President on occasion of his election and thank him for the excellent organisation of the session's work of the Conference of the Parties.

I should also like to extend my gratitude to the Government of Japan, the Mayor and people of Kyoto for their warm hospitality.

Also, let me express deep gratitude to Executive Secretary Michael Zammit Cutajar and all of the members of the Secretariat for their hard work in arranging of the Conference the results of which can be noted by everybody during the Conference of the Parties.

The climate change problem is one of the most acute international issues for the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The crucial evolution of processes caused by the shrinkage of Aral Sea reiterated that it was much easier preventing the ecological catastrophe than trying to liquidate its results. International community is involved into the settlement of the Aral Sea crisis. On the special session of UN General Assembly on Environment the head of delegation of the Republic of

Uzbekistan made a proposal on announcement of the next year to be the Year of the Environment Protection in the Central Asia under the UN aegis.

Uzbekistan has always been an adherent of new legal document aimed at stabilisation of the greenhouse gases emission and bound to the commitment of UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Though Uzbekistan is not Party of Annex 1 it still wishes to implement commitments by our particular measures and policy directed to the further reduction of greenhouse gases emissions. We think that only mutual co-operation with other states concerned will provide the mechanism of implementation of FCCC commitments.

The Republic of Uzbekistan is interested in access to the modern environmentally sound technological cycles and industries characterised by the lowered power consumption and systems of the wastes utilisation. Introduction of the new environmentally sound technologies is the priority of the national programs on sustainable development in different fields of Uzbekistan's economy.

The Republic of Uzbekistan possesses a number of the environmentally sound technical solution in the field of the solar energy transformation, the developments in the wind energy and hydrological resources of the small rivers use and also utilisation of domestical and industrial wastes, etc. We are ready to take part in co-operative programs within the framework of joint implemented activities, using its developments and significant scientific and technical potential.

Long term discussions apropos of approving of Protocol proved to become of mutual interest in the development, implementation of provisions, principles and mechanisms of the Convention to reduction of greenhouse gases emissions and its quantitative and temporal indexes. Firm ground for carrying out the main objective of the Convention to maintain habitat for future generations - is imposing of legal status to quantitative indexes on reduction of greenhouse gases emissions.

Summing up I would like to stress that now it is the time for deeds not for words on implementation of the Framework Convention. We must strongly keep the direction started in Rio and continued at the Conference of the Parties in Berlin, Geneva and then in Kyoto.

Thank you for attention.