

## STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR RIAD KANTAR

### LEBANON

Madam President,  
Distinguished Delegates,

May I congratulate the Government of Argentina on hosting the Fourth Conference of the parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Buenos Aires and thank the Argentinian people for their warm welcome.

Madam President,

Scientists have confirmed that the planet is becoming warmer precipitation patterns are changing and sea levels rising and this change is influenced by human activity.

Climate Change is widely recognized to be a universal, environmental, economic and social concern and thus require a global partnership to address this issue. "The issue of the Earth".

Public opinion, Governments, Non-Governmental Organizations and industries have recognized that action has to be taken to reduce Green House Gas emissions, in order to **to protect the Environment** and create opportunities for the world economy.

Developed Countries have to take the lead on reductions of the GHG emissions. They are required to treat Climate Change issues, including both impact and mitigation effects with a serious and dedicated commitment.

Madam President,

Economic growth, social justice and poverty eradication are a legitimate prerequisite to Sustainable Development for developing countries in the world. This Conference should give full consideration to actions necessary to meet **the specific needs** and concerns of developing countries as listed in the Convention and Kyoto Protocol.

Priority should be given to the **Transfer of Technology** by supporting the establishment and enhancement of national and regional technology information centers.

Lebanon believes that the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) should be truly effective and operational in promoting long-term reductions of GHG emissions and Sustainable Development. Therefore, modalities and procedures should be established as soon as possible.

We hope the CDM allocations shall be used to assist developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of Climate Change

.CDM should work in an effective, efficient, transparent, accesible, non-discriminatory and accountable manner.

COP 4 should agree on the terms of reference for SBSTA and SBI to develop modalities and procedures on the CDM project criteria.

In this regard, Lebanon highly appreciates the significant efforts of the IPCC and SBSTA as the supportive scientific and research bodies of the UNFCCC.

Economic growth and reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions could be achieved through improvements in energy efficiency.

To foster sustainable development and improve energy efficiency, new and additional resources should be mobilized through financial mechanisms and international cooperation.

Finally, public awareness should not be limited to particular events but should be part of larger efforts. There is a need for more effective climate awareness strategies.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Government of Argentina for their kind hospitality and superb choice of venue for the Conference in Buenos Aires. Also, our sincere appreciation goes to the UNFCCC Secretariat for their efforts in convening this Conference and making it a success.

We are confident that the participants of the Fourth Conference of the Parties will have enough patience and wisdom to find mutually acceptable decisions approaching all of us to the achievement of our common path and purpose.