

**Statement by**

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Mr. Chairman;

Based on the decision of the 111 meeting of the Council of the Permanent Representatives of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), I have the honor to make the following statement, on behalf of the Member States of **ECO** on the activities and programs of the Organization.

For your information, the Economic Cooperation Organization is a regional intergovernmental organization devoted to the socio-economic development of its 10 Member States. Member States of ECO include: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, with more than 350 million people and covering 7.7 million sq km in central and west Asia .

ECO has formulated and adopted a series of plans and programs, such as: "Plan of Action on Environment", "Development of ECO Countries Manufacturing Capabilities of the Equipments Used for New and Renewable Energies", "ECO Plan of Action for Industrial Cooperation" along with two Declarations during the First Ministerial Meeting on Industry in Tehran in 2004, and the Second Ministerial Meeting on Industry in Istanbul in 2005.

There are several other plans under consideration in ECO, with a view to achieving the Millennium Development Goals, as scheduled. I would like to bring the titles of those plans to your kind attention:

1. A Directorate on Sustainable Development. In the Directorate, some of the important issues including health, poverty alleviation, human resources are addressed within the context of the three pillars of sustainable development;
2. Preparation of ECO multi-year program of work on human and sustainable development;
3. Regional program for capacity enhancement in ECO States for preparing national sustainable development strategies and indicators of sustainable development;
4. New and renewable sources of energies;
5. Development and maintenance of pastures in ECO region;
6. ECO regional program for drought management and, in that framework, establishment of ECO regional center for risk management of natural disasters, especially drought monitoring and early warning.

In order to finalize the above mentioned draft proposals and to enter into the phase of implementation, ECO will welcome cooperation with the other countries as well as regional and international organizations, including the Department of the Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, there are some copies of the programs and proposals available at the back of the room for the information of the interested delegations. I would like the summary of this statement be included in the report of CSD-14.

I thank you Mr. Chairman