

**Comments by  
Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour  
Representative of the I.R. of Iran  
before the  
15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development  
on  
"Climate Change"  
1<sup>st</sup> May, 2007  
United Nations Headquarters  
New York**

Please check against delivery

\*\*\*\*\*

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. Chairman;

Before making my remarks, I would like to thank Ambassador Assadi for his excellent comments. I take the opportunity and associate myself with the statement made by distinguished representative of Pakistan, in her capacity as the chairperson of Group of 77 and China, on the theme under consideration.

Mr. Chairman;

We are discussing here the theme of climate change with the assumption that it would be considered in the context of sustainable development and its three pillars. Addressing the inter-relatedness between the climate change and the other three themes is also another method of work of CSD, which we resort to in our discussions. Besides, climate change has its own home at international level and, thus, UNFCCC is the appropriate body for consideration of related substantive issues.

Mr. Chairman;

Due to adverse impacts of climate change on daily life of people including human health, environment and biodiversity, weather related events such as hurricane, cyclones, drought and desertification across the globe, due attention should be paid to climate change.

In that framework, in my delegation's view, the internationally agreed principles, enshrined in Rio Declaration, such as "common but differentiated responsibilities", "corporate social and environmental responsibility and accountability", "sustainable patterns of production and consumption", and the "polluters pays for the pollution" have to be taken into account in the process of setting policy options and possible actions.

Due to the growing demand for all sources of energy and, at the same time, their impacts on climate, we believe more emphasis should be placed on promotion of energy efficiency as well as transfer and utilization of advanced fossil fuel

technologies. There is no doubt that further research, utilization, and increased share of renewables and the other less pollutant sources of energy such as gas will help to control climate change and its harmful impacts.

Mr. Chairman;

My delegation would like to draw the attentions to the adverse impacts of continued deforestation, land degradation and desertification on climate change and the need for national plans and actions as well as international cooperation to assist countries in their efforts to prevent deforestation and combat desertification. Disaster risk reduction by building the resilience of communities to climate change-related disasters is another measure which should be in the agenda of the governments as well as the international community.

We attach importance to follow up both mitigation and adaptation policies adopted in UNFCCC meetings and reiterate their implementation by all countries. It is evident that compliance with the provision of the UNFCCC and all related decisions made by the parties to the convention, including mitigation and adaptation policies will be helpful in combating climate change and its impacts.

While emphasizing the principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities", my delegation is of the view that providing the developing countries with means of implementation by the international community will help them build their capacities and overcome the constraints and the climate change- related problem.

I thank you Mr. Chairman;