Intervention from Bhutan

To introduce myself, I am Mewang Gyeltshen, representing the Royal Government of Bhutan. I would like to thank the UN-OHRLLS for inviting us to this very important high-level seminar on “Accelerating Sustainable Energy for All in Landlocked Developing Countries through Innovative Partnerships”.

To this end, I would like to report that the Royal Government of Bhutan, under the dynamic leadership of our beloved Kings has done bit of its share despite all challenges associated being a landlocked country. As we speak today, we have achieved almost 100% electrification rate across the Country. The urban electrification rate is 100% and rural electrification rate is about 99.6%. Having provided the much needed universal access to energy services in the Country, the challenge we are facing now is to how do we support and encourage our citizenry to make productive use of energy services to achieve tangible socio-economic improvements of their lives. In this regard, we would like to look upon UN-OHRLLS to bring in some kind of leadership, not only in exploring innovative partnerships to accelerate SE4ALL and also to ensure productive use of energy services through appropriate interventions. Thank you chair.