Statement
by
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Chairperson,

1. We associate ourselves with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Thailand on behalf of the G77+China and distinguished representative of Zambia on behalf of LLDCs.

2. During the last year the greater attention was directed to the implementation of commitments made in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Addis Ababa Action Agenda and Vienna Program of Action and we believe now it is a time to move forward, from commitments to actions. With this in mind, we hope that the High-Level Meeting on Sustainable Transport of Landlocked Developing Countries held in Santa Cruz and forthcoming High-Level Seminar: “Accelerating Sustainable Energy for All in Landlocked Developing Countries through Innovative Partnerships” in Vienna will bring fresh and innovative ideas and new impetus to the efforts in promotion and strengthening cooperation, and identify challenges and suggest areas where partnerships can be further strengthened on these subjects.

3. Tajikistan is committed to the decisions and recommendations of the Vienna Programme of Action and has undertaken additional measures to develop national transport and transit infrastructures and communications. A particular importance is attached to the improvement of transport and energy infrastructures, promoting and expanding sub-regional and regional trade. Efforts have been intensified to introduce the system entitled “Single window” that facilitates the simplification of customs rules and regulations. Currently, Tajikistan has four active free economic zones, two of which are located in its border with Afghanistan. Last year Tajikistan ratified and joined the Apostille Convention.

4. We believe that International Think Tank on the LLDCs can provide a good platform for knowledge sharing and exchange, support for LLDC cooperation both internally and globally. Therefore, nowadays, the Government of Tajikistan is preparing documents for joining this important entity.

5. Today transport and energy sectors are considered as a priority for Tajikistan. Integrated development of hydro-energy and other types of renewable energy, allows not only to increase capacities, but also promotes ensuring sustainability and increase in energy efficiency, considerable reduction of detrimental emissions, the major issue in addressing climate change. Tajikistan has been developing its energy potential in a consistent and planned manner based on an integrated development of renewable sources.
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6. According to the experts’ estimations the world population will increase to more than 9 billion by 2050 causing the increase in water demand. It is expected that due to the impact of climate change at this point more than 50% of the world’s population will face water scarcity, in particular it will hardly affect the most vulnerable countries, like LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS. Therefore, there is a need to more serious collective actions to address these challenges.

7. These and other issues related to the implementation of the global water agenda were discussed in Dushanbe on 9-10 August 2016 within a framework of High-Level Symposium on SDG 6 and Targets “Ensuring that no one is left behind in access to water and sanitation”, organized jointly by the Government of Tajikistan and the UNDESA and also during the High-Level Side Event “Revitalizing and Consolidating Efforts towards the Implementation of Water-Related SDGs and Targets” on 23 of September, 2016 in New York. Both event provided a platform for a balanced discussion on policy measures, actions and means of implementations to fast-track implementation of the water related SDG and targets.

I thank you for your attention!