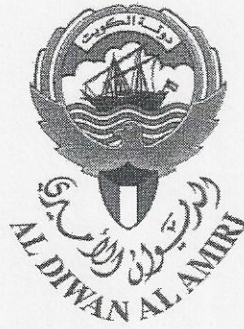


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**Speech of  
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Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah  
The Amir of Kuwait  
In the Opening Ceremonies of United Nations' 18<sup>th</sup>  
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In the Name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

His Highness and dear brother Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani  
Amir of the State of Qatar

Highnesses and Excellencies,

His Excellency Mr. Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Atiyya – Chairman of the  
conference

His Excellency Ban Ki-moon – UN Secretary General,

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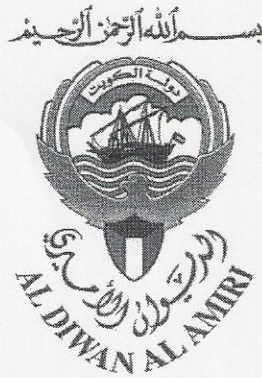
Dear Attendees,

Peace be upon you all,,

I am pleased to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the Emir, government and people of the State of Qatar, for the warm reception and generous hospitality and good organization of this important international conference, held under the umbrella of the United Nations, and the great efforts exerted in order to make it a success and to achieve its desired objectives.

I would like also to congratulate His Excellency Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Atiyya for his selection as a Chairman of this conference. I am confident that the wisdom and experience he enjoys shall contribute to the success of this conference, and reaching the desired objectives and results as anticipated by our states.

And I am also pleased to take this opportunity to express to His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon, and the executive head of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Ms.



Christiana Vigiris and her assistants my sincere thanks for their work for the well prepared for this conference, which deserves our appreciation and praise.

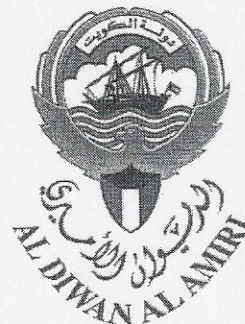
Highnesses and Excellencies,

It is our pleasure to see this high-level international participation in this conference, which reflects the great importance that the international community attaches to the issue of climate change, which has become an obsession for all the states and peoples of the world.

The State of Kuwait supports the efforts of the United Nations in the fight against climate change, through its active participation in the ongoing negotiations aimed at reducing the negative effects of this phenomenon, based on the principles and provisions contained in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol and their effective and sustainable implementation as the legal binding instrument and the basis for international cooperation in this field, especially the principle of shared responsibility, taking into account the variation of burdens and capacities, justice and sustainable development of different countries in line with their national priorities and capacities, in order to reduce emissions in materialization of the ambitions of all our peoples.

Highnesses and Excellencies,

This conference is held in the State of Qatar in a crucial stage which requires adopting decisions that pave the way for the next phase beyond 2012 towards this phenomenon, and adapting to it whether within the frame of long-term cooperation through effective implementation of the Bali Action Plan in all its elements, and the agreement on the second commitment period for developed countries, without imposing new obligations on developing countries, except for those voluntary actions which commensurate with their national potentials backed with financing, technology transfer and capacity building.



The State of Kuwait also hopes that the developed countries abide by their leading role in reducing emissions and helping developing countries adapt to the adverse effects of climate change, and the negative effects resulting from the measures of responding to mitigating the effects of climate change, especially those whose economies rely on the use of fossil fuels as a major and sole source of income, and this can be achieved through the transfer of technology and the diversification of income sources.

Highnesses and Excellencies,

In contribution to the emission reduction the State of Kuwait made great voluntary and thoughtful strides, according to available resources, in the rehabilitation of its oil and industrial installations, where the oil sector adopted a new strategy based on scientific and economic grounds that aim to reduce emissions, as well as setting mechanisms for improving energy efficiency, and the use of clean technology for fossil energy, without prejudice to its fundamental interests and obligations in its the development of clean industry.

In the field of renewable energy, the State of Kuwait attached great concern to the diversification of its energy sources, where the concerned entities started the executive phases of an ambitious plan for using wind and solar energy aiming to raise the percentage of using this energy to 1% of the total energy usage in Kuwait in 2015, and up to 15% in 2030.

In conclusion, I repeat my thanks and gratitude to the State of Qatar for hosting this conference, hoping to achieve its desired ambitions and hopes that will positively reflect upon our peoples and achieve good and benefit of all mankind.

Peace be upon you all,,