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Madame Chair,
Your Excellences,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I accepted with pleasure an invitation to participate at the United Nations Conference on Climate Change in Durban. I would like to thank the Government of the Republic of South Africa for the excellent organization and hospitality.

Dealing with multiplicative threats of climate change, as the primary issue of our time, requires the integrated approach that ensures an active participation of both the developed and developing countries. The goal to limit the increase in temperature to less than 2 degrees Celsius cannot be achieved without equitable agreement based on the principle of common but differentiated responsibility. The reduction of the level of greenhouse gases emissions and the implementation of quantifiable measures to mitigate impacts of climate change should be the basis of a new international agreement that we have no right to postpone or abandon.

Montenegro as a developing country is willing to provide a contribution based on the principle of equality and right to sustainable development. It is necessary to make efforts, despite the growing economic crisis, in order to facilitate the implementation of the previous decisions, primarily those relating to the establishment of the Green Climate Fund and the Fast Start Financing. Only in this way, developing countries may be able to undertake measurable efforts regarding the mitigation measures. Continuity in implementing the market-based mechanisms and the efficiency of the Adaptation Fund is of special importance. The support of developed countries to the developing ones in terms of transfer of appropriate technologies for adaptation and mitigation of climate change is crucial in supporting the developing countries in fulfilling the obligations under the common but differentiated responsibility.

Montenegro supported the conclusions of the Conference in Cancun and adopted the Copenhagen Accord. In this regard, the activities in terms of considering possibilities for a gradual move towards setting targets to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases is in the

early stage. Therefore integrating climate change into sectoral policies, strategies and plans is the priority of the national sustainable development policy. The first steps were taken in the national forestry policy. The priority sectors for further action are the sectors of energy and transport. For that reason we use this occasion to point out in particular the importance of the availability of funds within the Fast Start Financing.

The existing technical and technological capacities of Montenegro have to be significantly improved. At the same time a relatively high degree of forest and vegetation cover makes the availability of our resources to contribute to the stabilization of the content of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. As a flexible and sustainable system, we are able in a small part of the planet to show the effectiveness of a responsible global policy for controlling and limiting the impacts of climate change. Therefore we renew our willingness to be among the first countries that apply the concept of a green economy, which does not deny the development but affirms it, on the contrary, by applying all relevant and available instruments, primarily the financial and technological ones, including those of relevance for facing the climate change challenges. Developing a Low Carbon Strategy and the Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions is the initial step in this direction.

Madame Chair,
Your Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen ,

No one has the right to be distanced from the issue of climate change. An agreement based on this approach is a new chance for all of us, for the future generations, for mankind.

Let`s to take the advantage of this historic opportunity to reach an agreement that will be our common victory. Believing that the period ahead of us will justify these expectations, I thank you for your attention.