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**Mr. President,
Honorable Ministers and Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

At the outset, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the government and people of Poland for hosting this august Conference and the hospitality extended to my delegation. First and foremost, I would like to associate myself with the statements made on behalf of G77 and China as well as the positions delivered by LMDCs , are a group of countries with more than half the world's population and the global share of GDP.

I shall attempt to stand much focused on the issues of relevance to my country along with the principles desired to be adequately reflected in the structure of the new agreement in coherence with the ADP.

I wish to emphasize the new vision on sustainable development promoted by the recently elected President, Dr. Rouhani.

Mr. President,

Climate change and its global warming phenomenon is in essence an all inclusive predicament that requires collective and harmonious political will and practical measures. A transformation of global development policy and directions from pure profit and selfish material gain to social and humanitarian gain is the cornerstone of all efforts. These measures-contemplated by the parties to UNFCCC- would have to be based on fair criteria, equity and CBDR with their respective capabilities. The historical responsibilities are to be met. Legal obligations and commitment are to be respected and responded to in a favourable fashion. In this regard the progresses and actions taken by the big economies would necessarily have to be MRV in nature.

In our region escalation of violence and terrorism coupled with a long history of military intervention and armed conflict has increased the vulnerability of nations. We are in critical time and it is necessary that the developed country Parties take the lead in reducing their emissions by undertaking ambitious mitigation. The key to increase the level of ambitions to reduce emissions lies with the developed country Parties' political will and the recognition of their historical responsibility. The principles of the Convention should guide the discussions of the Durban Platform, and they shall not be renegotiated. The negotiations should be based on comprehensive issues and address all the agreed outcomes in previous sessions.

The outcome of the negotiations on the enhanced platform should be supplementary to the Kyoto Protocol as well as address all the five pillars of Bali Action Plan adequately and not limit discussion to mitigation.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The findings of the "IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report" are scientifically credible and are acknowledged. In this report it may clearly be seen that the Middle East region is currently experiencing harsher reduction of rain fall and well above global average temperature rise due to the adverse impacts of Climate Change. In the same report the temperate rise trend to the end of the current century is extremely alarming. To this effect, my region is faced with sever episodes of emerging environmental challenges such as continuous draught, dust and sand storms. Water resources availability in Iran has reached its critical limit.

However illegal and unintelligent sanctions imposed upon the Islamic Republic of Iran have impeded our advances and have led to serious delays in energy efficiency plans and mitigation measures. Also 45 major wetlands are in critical condition. Wetlands such as Uromia or Hamoon are no longer offering their ecosystem services. Agricultural activities, food security and health concerns have become serious threats. Hence, in the new agreement significant weight should be dedicated to "Adaptation" and the means to ensure implementation of pertinent collective response measures.

In this regard Islamic Republic of Iran offers to establish a "Regional Centre for Early Warning and Monitoring System" with the joint collaboration of the international institutions and the countries in the region to further strengthen its "Adaptation Activities" at regional scale to issues such as draught, Dust Storms and Dust Haze Phenomenon.

Mr. President, Distinguished Delegates;

Post-2020 as a negotiation process should be based on all aspects of the principles of convention particularly principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities. New agreement must address historical responsibility of developed countries and developed countries must stop any attempt the transfer the burden of addressing climate change to developing countries. It is essential that the developed country Parties make clarification on their quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets. In this regards, in new agreement, we need strong monitoring system on implementation of commitments. Reform of CDM mechanism in

framework of new agreement, should keep and strengthen its policy in framework of investment by Annex-I countries in non-Annex I countries in small-scale and large-scale projects aiming to achieve emissions reductions.

Mr. President,

There are three links in the Mitigation chain: Energy, Technology and Finance. For energy all parties are to be encouraged to develop their national energy mix to diversify utilization of alternative sources of clean and low carbon intensity energy with emphasis on increased share of clean and environmentally friendly energy production and consumption patterns. Islamic Republic of Iran has taken a number of huge voluntary mitigation steps in reducing the cold and hot flares and is committed to continue its activities. On the issue of technology and capacity, there have been some gray areas since the inception of UNFCCC.

The development and transfer of climate change technology, capacity building and IPR are ever becoming serious hurdles to be removed. The developed countries should deeply engage their administrations to meet their historical responsibilities and obligations. In this regard CTCN is expected to take a critical responsibility. The institutional arrangement between the NDEs and CTCN is to be defined and established. Islamic Republic of Iran attaches high importance to the CTCN and invites all parties to effectively support its role in practice.

Distinguished Colleagues,

The third link is "Finance". Whilst emphasizing on the materialization of article 4.8 of the convention by the developed countries, Islamic Republic of Iran wishes to see a "Green Climate Fund" fitting the size of the need to adapt and mitigate. The pledges, promises and potentials should turn in to practice. New and additional public funds are to be dedicated. Public-Private Partnerships are to be encouraged to augment the public funds and not to replace them. At the same time attractive "Market based Mechanisms" should be devised and the list of CDM qualified projects diversified to broaden its inclusion. Such positive mechanisms are to be strengthened and promoted in the new agreement. Iran supports a special GCF window on technology.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, I wish to highlight and make a very strong point. Despite paragraph 5 of Article 3 of UNFCCC as well as the paragraphs 58 and 281 in the outcome document of Rio+20 summit, (The Future We Want!) , which was later approved and endorsed by the 67th UN General Assembly in October 2012 , the devastating environmental effects of cruel sanctions on Iran are being ignored. The environmental consequences of such discriminatory actions by certain parties, have

not only deteriorated the Climate Change vulnerable environment of Iran and the region, but also has given rise to the potential of global warming targeting the global environment. This is particularly true in offsetting the mitigation efforts contemplated in the energy sector (oil, gas and power) in Iran in compliance with UNFCCC's mandate.

Islamic Republic of Iran is very much committed to the UN lead efforts to combat Climate Change driven impacts and is determined to ensure a holistic approach to the formulation of a new post 2020 agreement guided by the principles of the Convention to guarantee the basic God granted rights of the present and future generations.

Thank you for your patience and attention.