

Closing statement by the Scientific and Technological Community

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Mme. Chair,

For the Scientific and Technological Community, it is extremely important to realize we are at a critical stage of decision regarding abatement of greenhouse gases emissions, due to the impending climate change effects.

It has been acknowledged that all available energy options will need to be considered for an adjustment to a world that requires much less carbon liberation to the environment. We agree. And when we say all energy technologies are needed, we understand they should be carbon-free, or as much low-carbon as possible, in net balance.

In fact, these changes require to immediately develop and demonstrate carbon sequestration technologies, to substantially improve the efficient use of energy, and to seriously implement energy conservation programs.

Mme. Chair, what we need is a willingness to accelerate such processes through readily negotiated policies.

The Scientific and Technological Community considers this CSD cycle as an occasion to establish a global frame to address these energy issues, and is very much concerned that CSD might miss its opportunity to act in due time.

Thank you, Mme. Chair