



**The address of H.H the Prime Minister at the United Nations
Framework Convention on Climate Change COP 15
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In the Holy name of Allah, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.

**Mr. Chairman,
Your Excellencies Heads of delegations,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Assalamu Alikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

It is with much pleasure that I convey the best regards of His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, who hoped to be amongst you today, were it not for prior engagements that prevented him from participating in this vital conference. I was therefore honoured when his Highness charged me on his behalf to represent the State of Kuwait.

**Mr. Chairman,
I avail myself the opportunity to convey my sincere felicitations on the occasion of electing you chairman of this conference. I am confident that the wisdom and experience you enjoy will achieve success and attain the objectives and results that mankind aspires to.**

I wish to convey our gratitude to the government and people of the Kingdom of Denmark for organizing this important international conference held under the auspices of the United Nations. I am also pleased to express to His Excellency the United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, the secretariat chief executive of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and his assistants, our sincere appreciation for the immense efforts exerted in the preparations for the success of this conference.

**Mr. Chairman,
We were glad to see such high level participation in the conference which is an indication of the importance the international community attaches on the issue of climate change. It is an issue that the U.N Security Council allocated a special summit for in its last session and I was pleased to participate alongside Her Excellency Finland's President Tarja Halonen to chair the second round table meeting which issued a number of recommendations that were endorsed at the**



U.N General Assembly following serious ongoing discussions; foremost, activating development mechanisms for the use of clean energy- Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), as well as assuring the transfer of technology to developing countries in the interest of humanity as a whole.

Mr. Chairman,

Damaging the earth is a squander and destruction to the charge Allah has entrusted us with to preserve, and a waste of creative heritage made by our fathers throughout the ages and civilizations, which we should have handed over to our children more prosperous.

In this instance, my country is ever prepared to effectively contribute to the success of all negotiations and reach an agreement at our current summit on climate change to benefit the welfare of mankind, taking into account the dependence on the principles of the current Framework Convention on Climate Change, especially the principle of collective responsibility and disparity between the developed and developing countries, without negatively effecting international trade in any way, and through endorsing protective commercial policies against various types of fuel , as well as pursuing technical solutions such as Carbon Capture and Storage to achieve the targeted reductions in global warming gas emissions. We also reject any attempt to change the principles of which the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol were based, or establishing a new mechanism that could lead to imposing new commitments on developing countries, therefore, we must all cooperate with the international community to attain the noble objective that may see the dream of contemporary mankind in finding a healthy and safe environment become a reality.

Mr. Chairman,

The State of Kuwait is considered one of the leading countries that supports, contributes to and calls for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. To achieve this, it has voluntarily made great strides according to the available means, to rehabilitate its oil and industrial facilities, since the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation and its subsidiaries adopted a new strategy aimed at rehabilitating oil refineries, oil fields and other relevant facilities to reduce emissions as well as setting mechanisms to apply and improve energy efficiency using clean technology from fossil energy along with international cooperation in the field of development of oil mechanisms, financial and technological support and building capabilities.

In relation to alternative energy, the State of Kuwait has been interested on the highest level, i.e. His Highness the Amir whereby, under his auspices the Conference for Alternative Energy Application was held last month organized by the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO), researchers from 70 countries worldwide participated. This explains Kuwait's keenness to find the



best means to attain alternative energy that can be obtained and easily utilized according to the available capabilities either natural or material, including the peaceful use of alternative energy which is a major priority of development projects for alternative energy in the State of Kuwait.

Mr. Chairman,

The State of Kuwait has attached importance to the field of scientific research, particularly, clean energy and has charged the Kuwait institute for Scientific Research (KISR) to research the ways and means to achieve this objective in cooperation with advanced global research institutes. To realize this objective, the State of Kuwait calls upon the international community, especially the developed countries to offer financial assistance and transfer available technology, helping developing countries to reach the noble objective of the Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Mr. Chairman,

I cannot but convey our genuine wishes for the success of this meeting achieving all the hopes and aspirations mankind pins on us. I also wish to point that no matter how beneficial the requirements and laudable the objectives in the resolutions issued by our meeting, the crucial factor is in the translation of these resolutions into actions that affect our peoples whereby, the tangible results may lead to welfare, security and stability, and this is the measure of true success.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.