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on behalf of

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for Sustainable Energy for All**

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Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my profound pleasure to address this Fifth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development in Hammamet, on behalf of Dr. Kandeh Yumkella, the Secretary-General's Special Representative for Sustainable Energy for All.

I also want to commend the Government of Tunisia and the regional commissions for this important initiative.

Energy is the golden thread that connects economic growth, increased social equity, and an environment that allows the world to thrive.

That is why the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon established



the Sustainable Energy for All initiative three years ago, with three objectives:

- Ensuring universal access to modern energy services
- Doubling the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency
- Doubling the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.

We are extremely humbled by many of your commitments to the Sustainable Energy for All initiative expressed to date, and even this morning.

Your commitments have made this initiative a global movement.

Indeed, the initiative is progressing at a significant speed.

On finance, a group led by the World Bank, Bank of America and the Brazilian Development Bank have developed mechanisms to mobilize an additional US\$120 billion per year for clean energy investments.

On energy access, the initiative has mobilized commitments to provide over 900 million people with access to modern energy services by 2030, with the support of the European Commission, US Power Africa and many other partners.

In 30 countries, our partners are developing action agendas and investment prospectuses. The African Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank are serving as regional hubs for the initiative to support these efforts.

The International Renewable Energy Agency, serving as the renewable energy hub for the initiative, has showed, through its 'REmap 2030' report, that it is possible to double the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix by 2030.

At the Climate Summit, the Global Energy Efficiency Accelerators platform was launched, aiming to reduce tens of gigatons of carbons, while saving hundreds of billions of dollars. A coalition of private and public partners, including Denmark, Japan, UNEP and others, are leading this effort.



Civil society is also stepping up. The Practitioners Network, facilitated by the UN Foundation, brings together over 1800 civil society actors and entrepreneurs to address the energy poverty challenge.

The Sustainable Energy for All Global Tracking Framework, led by the World Bank, the International Energy Agency, UN-Energy and more than 15 organizations, has established a comprehensive mechanism and indicators to track progress on energy access, energy efficiency and renewable energy. The 2nd version of this framework is due in mid-2015, in time to support the post-2015 development agenda deliberations.

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At the Rio+20 conference, world leaders declared that “we are all determined to act to make sustainable energy for all a reality.” Amongst SIDS and LDCs, amongst the APEC, in Latin America, in Asia and the Pacific, in Africa - and in this forum in Tunisia - this has been repeated again and again.

We have seen ambitions, commitments and action across all stakeholders, and beyond our expectations. We now have an unprecedented opportunity to make sustainable energy for all a reality.

For that to happen, 2015 will be a decisive year.

First, we must establish a global energy goal and targets in the post-2015 development agenda. For the last 15 years, we suffered from energy being a missing MDG. This time, we must not let this happen.

Second, it is time to have a truly global platform for the global energy policy dialogue. The 2nd United Nations Sustainable Energy for All Forum will be held in May in New York. We look forward to working with UN regional commissions and all of you in this regard.

Third, we must establish a universal climate agreement at COP 21 in Paris.



Achieving the three targets of the Sustainable Energy for All, namely, universal energy access and doubling efficiency and renewables globally, is fully consistent with a + 2-degree pathway, while reducing poverty and enhancing prosperity.

In closing, please allow me to congratulate you all again for your leadership and commitment. Together, we can achieve sustainable energy for all.

I thank you for your attention.