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Environment**

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**Mr. President,
Mr. Director General,
Your excellencies Ministers,
Honorable IRENA Members
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Allow me first to congratulate the Director General of IRENA for the perfect organization of the 7th edition of the General Assembly of IRENA, which testifies to the considerable efforts that the Director General and his team have consistently provided since His appointment at the head of this prestigious organization.

I would also like to renew the support of the Kingdom of Morocco to the IRENA's ongoing activities in order to carry out its functions and enhance its role in sustainable development.

It's a Honor for the Kingdom of Morocco to participate and co-chair the seventh session of the General Assembly of IRENA.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The seventh session of the IRENA General Assembly is held in an international context marked by the entry into force of the Paris Agreement which was characterized by its ambitious objectives and its comprehensiveness in addition to taking into account the climate justice devoting the principle of shared responsibility among nations. This context is also marked by the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties held in Marrakech (COP 22), paving the way for the adoption of technical and financial ways and means to enable the implementation of the Paris Agreement. This conference, which was considered "COP of Action", has been defined a real success that honors Morocco and consolidates the confidence and credibility enjoyed

Thus, after the announcement of His Majesty The King Mohammed VI in his declaration in the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties of Paris (COP 21) , that Morocco will raise the share of renewable energies from 42% by 2020 to 52% by 2030, a new reconfiguration of our institutional energy landscape is set up, through the expansion of Moroccan Agency for Solar Energy's prerogatives to the development of all renewable energy sources which became Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy (MASEN) and the reinforcement of Moroccan Agency for Energy Efficiency missions to be focused on the implementation of energy efficiency programs in all economic sectors.

The seventh session, is a great opportunity for us all, to take concrete steps to accelerate the process of global energy transition, by searching for possibilities for funding, and exchange of experiences and information between Members as well as the development of policies for R&D in the energy transformation technologies in order to strengthen the local industry experience and promote international and regional cooperation for a sustainable future.

**Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The Kingdom of Morocco as it values the work and efforts of IRENA solicits the Agency to pay a particular attention to the countries that suffer from weakness in rural electrification and from the high cost of access to energy and keep up with relevant experience in the field of renewable energy development and technology transfer and capacity building with the need of projects development carried out in response to the requirements of these countries and the expectations of its inhabitants as a contribution to the success of energy transition.

The Moroccan delegation will contribute actively in the discussions and exchanges on issues and topics that will be addressed. We hope that our work will lead to the necessary compromises enabling the Agency to carry out its missions and reach its set objectives.

Thank you for your kind attention