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Thank you, Mr. Chair. Business groups attending UNCSD 19 appreciate the opportunity to take the floor on Means of Implementation.

Throughout CSD19, delegations have spoken often about technology transfer, but not about where that technology will come from nor about the conditions needed to stimulate its development and dissemination. Implementation across all areas will depend on the development, commercialization and widespread dissemination of both effective existing clean technologies and new, currently non-commercial technologies and the infrastructure and management systems to support them.

Innovation will substantially improve the future performance and reduce the cost of current and new, in some cases revolutionary, technologies that will be needed to promote progress in CSD19's thematic areas. Associated with this are the necessary management systems and training – both critical priorities in capacity building efforts.

Private sector innovation and investment will continue to provide much of the development and financing for cleaner technologies needed to support implementation across all CSD19 areas, and direct investment for the private sector will be an important complement to ODA. Enabling frameworks to support that innovation and investment include; rule of law and good governance, transparent, uniformly enforced regulations, protection of intellectual property, honoring of contracts, open markets, safe and stable communities, and opportunities for partnership and multilateral cooperation.

The fight against bribery and other corruptive practices should be a shared top priority for governments, government enterprises and private companies. Achieving improved conditions for transparency and integrity in doing business in all countries is of paramount importance for private and public sector actions in support of implementation of CSD19's recommendations. As a critical component of means of implementation, we strongly encourage CSD19 work with existing corporate responsibility initiatives (at private sector, inter-governmental and public-private levels) and continue to support voluntary partnerships.

Thank you for your attention.