

Your Honour, Mr. Chairman, Mr. ,

Allow me to express my gratitude to the Government of Thailand and H.E. Dr. Noeleen Heyzer, the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), as well as members of the working group of High-level Panel of Eminent Persons and for the invitation of Kazakhstan to participate at the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Dialogue: From the MDGs to the United Nations Development Agenda beyond 2015.

Kazakhstan reached the indicators of MDGs, in fact proposed a number of initiatives to promote sustainable development at the national and regional level, through the creation of multi, national and global partnerships, increase the level of trust between the partners, also working to establish effective management centers for all interested parties as developed and developing countries.

In particular, for Kazakhstan being a member of two regional United Nations commissions - Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), and by the end of the fifth and sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development (MCED-5 and MCED -6) took the initiative to promote regional and interregional cooperation and consensus on the policy of "green growth" and "green" economy, through the Astana "Green Bridge" Initiative, and the Europe-Asia-Pacific "Green Bridge" Partnership Programme for green growth and green economy as a transition to sustainable development. In this regard, Ministry of Environment and Protection organizing the First Stakeholders meeting of GBPP with H.E. the President of Kazakhstan in September 30-October 1, 2013 in Astana.

In this regard, Kazakhstan with great pleasure welcome the intentions of partners for sustainable development, as well as the further platform development of cooperation between the countries of ESCAP and ECE in the field of environmental protection and management of water resources in transboundary resource management issues, where is the common challenges of strategic planning and management, and there are solutions to adapt to man-induced climate changes. The global problems of the population growth, energy security, environmental protection, food security- is our problems, so we welcome and encourage international cooperation for the development of global partnerships with the countries of Asia-Pacific and ECE, and with our close neighbors in Central Asia, to develop and implement measures for the solution of above mentioned challenges.

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We support the working group of High-level Panel of Eminent Persons and From the MDGs to the United Nations Development Agenda beyond 2015 and wish them success in their implementation.

We assure that we will continue to work further with our ESCAP colleagues and partners in Asia Pacific on these existing challenges.