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Business and Industry Statement CSD14 Thematic Discussions

Thematic Discussion - Integrated Approach to Addressing Air Pollution.

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Thank you for the opportunity to share with you our extensive experience in this area through our worldwide operations. We have learned that in order to focus the deployment of limited resource it is necessary that the management of Air Quality resources should be based on a technically sound, integrated framework. Such a framework should include three main features: (1) recognize the contribution of all sources, especially with the increased prominence of small and medium industries and other dispersed area sources; (2) take account of the effectiveness and costs of alternative measures to ensure proper allocation of resources; and (3) monitor progress to track air quality and make course corrections, as needed. We have found that successful control programs rely both on technical know-how as well as full societal cooperation. Barriers noted are lack of information, transparency and community engagement. Other constraints include the fact that Energy, Transportation and Environment are handled in many areas in "silos" that prevent full integration of approaches and strategies.

Thank you

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