

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY MAJOR GROUP

COMMENTS ON THE CHAIRS DRAFT TEXT for the IPM (26 Feb – 2 Mar 2007)

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Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,

We thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Chairs draft text. In our view, certain key points are missing or not adequately emphasized in the text:

For an over-arching chapeau:

- Energy for sustainable development, atmosphere/air pollution, climate change and industrial development are **interwoven** and require integrated, balanced and cooperative solutions involving governments, business and civil society.
- Actions to address energy, climate change, air pollution and industrial development challenges will be most effective when enabling framework conditions are in place. **Key features of enabling frameworks** include open markets; trade liberalization and investment protection; strong institutions and good governance; protection of human rights; science- and risk-based regulations that are enforced; protection of intellectual property and due diligence.

Relating to energy and climate change:

- **All energy sources** should be considered, assessed on their merits and attributes, recognizing issues, barriers and opportunities for each. The critical role of current and future more efficient, lower carbon, less emitting and **advanced technologies, pertaining to all forms of energy.**
- Energy efficiency should be addressed in **all sectors.**
- **Climate change is a global issue requiring a global solution.** Addressing climate change requires commitment and actions of all major actors to succeed.

Relating to industrial development:

- There are numerous successful business voluntary initiatives and partnerships related to the CSD14/15 cluster with potential to be scaled-up/replicated. These relate to the development and utilization of cleaner technologies, processes, products, management systems and to further training and capacity building.

Overall, we hope the text will evolve to:

- Reflect a prioritized, integrated set of action oriented recommendations
- describe how the momentum on these four issues will be maintained and continued beyond CSD15

We look forward to a CSD15 session that takes advantage of the diverse expertise here in delegations and major groups, identifies synergies for action and partnerships and includes opportunities for more interactive discussions.