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Session3: Achieving Environmental and Social Sustainability

Lower emissions and access for all.

Concluding remarks by Minister Yousfi, Chairman of the session

1 -This session has been very rich as shown by the high quality of the speakers, panelists and the participants in the debate. It has emphasized again the importance of achieving sustainable development, with its three pillars: economic development, social progress and environmental protection.

2- Energy plays a crucial role in this regard, in particular, access of the poor to modern energy services.

3 – Of course, there is no one single model: sustainable development is highly linked to national, priorities and specificities.

4- In its international dimension, it should take into account historical responsibilities, and the principles of equity, common but differentiated responsibilities, and should recognize that the overriding priority of developing countries is socio-economic development.

5- In this regard, the forthcoming Rio+20 summit is extremely important and should build upon a clear assessment of the implementation gaps of the commitments and objectives set during the last twenty years in terms of sustainable development, including the Millennium Development Goals.

6- Thank you again Mr Mandil for your perfect contribution as moderator, and to the distinguished speakers and panelists for their excellent presentations.

7 – We arrive to the end of the session.

Thank you.