

Country Statement – Korea

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[Greetings]

○ I am very pleased to be present at this sixth PIC meeting of the APP. But first, I would like to express my gratitude towards the Canadian government and the Secretariat for their efforts in hosting this meeting.

[Korea's Policy Direction on Climate Change]

○ This past August, Korea announced a new paradigm for national growth to achieve a low-carbon society through “green growth” as part of global efforts to address climate change.

○ Korea will concentrate its efforts on expanding the use of new and renewable energy, improving energy efficiency, and developing new technologies to establish a low-carbon energy supply system.

○ Korea intends to increase the share of new and renewable energy in the total energy mix to 11 percent by 2030 as compared with 2.4 percent in 2007.

○ Korea also intends to lower the energy intensity level from 0.347 TOE per \$1,000 in 2007 to 0.185 TOE per \$1,000 by 2030.

○ In addition, through active investment in R&D, the Korean government will support the development of new technologies with significant potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Such support is in line with the APP's initiatives, and will produce better results with cooperation from other APP countries.

[Korea's Participation in Task Forces and Future Plans]

- Since the launch of the APP, Korea has been actively involved in task force activities, which constitute the foundation of the APP's overall work.
- At present, Korea is committed to 30 major task force projects and is reviewing the possibility of becoming involved in new projects.
- Two task force meetings—one of which involves buildings and appliances, and the other renewable energy and distributed generation—were held in Korea this year. Also, two task force meeting dealing with the field of cement and cleaner fossil energy will take place in Korea next year.

[Current Status of the ETCC]

- Korea had proposed the establishment of an Energy Technology Cooperation Center (ETCC) and has been active in pursuing the plan. At present, experts in the relevant areas are setting up a database, and next year we will establish an information center and hold a technical cooperation seminar.
- I am asking for your support for these efforts, as we will need the cooperation of experts from member nations.

[Closing Remarks]

- I hope our discussions at this meeting will prove to be most productive, and that they will provide an opportunity to take our cooperative partnership to the next level.