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In the name of Allah, the compassionate, the merciful*

**Excellency President,
Honorable Ministers and
Dear Colleagues;**

I've been honored and pleased to take part in this important assembly. Education for Sustainable Development has an important role on human destiny and our future depends on it. But, I think that, without deep revision, study of the most threatening elements of sustainable development, the subjects of this assembly, can not be understood precisely. Sustainable Development understood to be part of some countries problem perhaps, while a desirable and ideal Sustainable Development achievement for world required a global collective responsibility, comprehensive and reasonable and just confrontation with.

The rightness of way has been through for development has come under serious doubt and questions by today's global economic crisis. It seems that man's existed attitude towards nature and land's resources as the owner and the sole governor of the earth is the first very reason of these problems, unless this attitude is adjusted and reformed, problems will be continued.

Honorable Guests and Dear Colleagues,

At the first very point in education for sustainable development the exploitation attitude of man in relation with nature must be changed to moral and ethical attitude. In process of development, the current liberalism and capitalism attitude has deep philosophical challenge that can not help to a proper and true meaning of sustainable development. Along with the presence of educational authorities, governmental and private sector executive's participants in this assembly, we should ask other thinkers, thoughtful intellectuals and scientists to put forward their critical and fundamental philosophical views on today's process of development as help. It seems that we must obtain moral and ethical attitude, as the great German Gnostic and poet- Goethe, who has followed that attitude; And the great Muslim Gnostic Molana jalal ad-Din Mohammad Balkhy, who has defined the same the attitude in his Masnavi – Ma'navi. Man and nature relation must be reciprocal moral and ethical; whereas in today's common humanist attitude, the main priority is the endless economical and material desire.

Excellency President and Dear Guests,

If economic and materialistic attitudes are not being replaced by moral and ethical attitudes in relation to the man and nature in coming generation education, the threatening danger ahead of man can not be eased by advice only. We have had good activities in our own countries, but the base of mentality should be reformed. Nowadays, some big countries are careless of global environment protection; they prefer sustainable development for themselves rather than the world. Legitimate, cultural, political and social rights of some nations have been subjected to inclination and benefits of world capitalists. As an aid of cultural and educational to the United Nations, UNESCO acting at its best but the political aids of UN must think of sustainable development in direction of UNESCO, independent of the few illegitimate rights of countries, to provide development ground for future of human beings all over the world.

Excellency President

While appreciating of holding this assembly I see the necessity of thinking together, deep scientific and philosophical considerations and studies for sketch of just, precise and effective attitude and practical point of view of man to the nature. A manifestation included with moral and ethical relation of man and nature should be collected, in which the principals and the process of sustainable development and foundational differences which were considered in 20th century to be formulated and revised.

Third millennium requires developed attitude for development, we are able with the cooperation of sympathetic pious, thinkers and learned people of all around the world take outmost advantage of the remaining educational decade for sustainable development. And prepare ground for its consideration and revision. Therefore, all of us will try our best to prevent the coming generation attitude, not to repeat our previous mental mistakes.

Once more, I would like to thank you all, for your attention, your Excellency President of the assembly, the host country, and the honorable guests.