

Distinguished UN Secretary-General,

Ladies and gentlemen,

The topic of today's Dialogue is of great interest to my country.

Tajikistan is a unique country with its natural and climatic conditions experiencing energy shortage in winter and exploring new markets to export its surplus energy in the summer season.

Overall, Tajikistan is eager to develop its energy capacity, particularly hydropower, introduce effective mechanisms for sustainable management.

Tajikistan has abundant hydropower resources estimated at 527 billion kW/h per year and generates 98 percent of its electricity as green energy.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Tajikistan supported the initiative of the UN Secretary-General, "Sustainable Energy for All".

Within this context, we call on the global community to intensify efforts to ensure universal access to modern energy services by acknowledging it as a priority.

We believe that, along with ensuring reliable and sustainable access to energy, it is necessary, in every possible way, to encourage, contribute and invest in the increase of the share of renewable energy.

Tajikistan is progressively developing the regional electricity market. In 2019, it exported more than 2.9 billion kW/h of electricity to neighboring countries.

In this regard, the electricity transport corridor between excessive energy countries of Central Asia and energy deficit countries of South Asia was found to be a beneficial project by international experts. To this end, the implementation of the CASA-1000 regional electricity transmission project is a unique case.

In conclusion, I would like to underscore that there is a need to develop and implement at the local, national and regional levels sustainable mechanisms to support and invest in the development of renewable energy sources and the use of energy-efficient technologies.

I thank you for your attention.