Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

- It was an honour for me to chair the third session of the Committee on Energy together with the Ambassadors of Kazakhstan, Mongolia and Nepal to Thailand and the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Energy, Thailand as Vice Chairs.
- The Committee was attended by 40 members and associate members, 1 permanent observer, 6 UN Agencies, 7 international organizations, and 7 NGOs.

I am pleased to summarize the outcome of the Session as follows:

**First**, the Committee reaffirmed the need for energy transition for the region for Sustainable Development in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic through regional cooperation. The Committee recommended the secretariat integrate energy security and resilience into its activities at the regional, subregional and national levels.

**Second**, the Committee recognized that the region is still far from achieving the vision of SDG7 and invited its members to accelerate the pace of progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 7 and further promote sharing of experiences and lessons learned, through regional cooperation, in order to effectively contribute to the achievement of Goal 7.
Third, the Committee recommended the agenda of the third meeting of the Asian and Pacific Energy Forum to be developed in consultation with member States. It further recommended that the background documents be developed with advice from the Expert Working Groups on Energy Connectivity and on Universal Access to Modern Energy Services, Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Cleaner Use of Fossil Fuels.

Fourth, The Committee recognized the need to strengthen national capacity on sustainable energy including development of strategies for clean cooking and for municipal level implementation and requested the secretariat to support member States in these efforts.

Finally, the Committee requested the secretariat to facilitate efforts of member States in further defining and strengthening energy connectivity in the Pacific to attain Sustainable Development Goal 7.

I am pleased to also inform members of the Commission that the Committee also made the following decisions for the attention of the Commission:

First, the Committee commended the work delivered by the Expert Working Group on Energy Connectivity and endorsed the Regional Road Map on Power System Connectivity: Promoting Cross-border Electricity Connectivity for Sustainable Development. The Committee decided that the Expert Working Group would continue to provide advice to the secretariat in the implementation of the Regional Road Map.


On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank member States for their contribution made towards the outcome of the Session. I would like to count on continued member States’ contribution to attain 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development including Goal 7.

This concludes my intervention, thank you Chair.