

**Statement made by Bangladesh  
at the Second Session of the Committee on Energy**

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Thank you, respected Chair for giving me the floor. It's an honour for me to represent my country in this Forum. The Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources of Bangladesh has produced SDG actions plan upto 2030. According to this plan, we intend to undertake certain measure in order to achieve our targets. Currently, our electricity generation capacity is 22000 MW and 94% of our population have access to electricity. In order to make electricity available to 100% of our population and feed our growing demand, we plan to increase this capacity to 24000 MW by 2021 and to 40000 MW by 2030. We also have plans to expand and upgrade our transmission and distribution lines. To secure fuel supply, we are already importing 1500 Mton of LNG and plan to import more. We are also going to promote LPG in domestic and transport sector. For electrification of remote area, we have implemented special projects like solar mini-grids and solar home systems. The Government of Bangladesh is determined to generate 10% of the total power from renewable resources. Right now, we have 60 MW from RE. The government has given in-principle approval for 1000 MW of solar power plant projects by now. Now we have only 2.9 MW of electricity from wind and are in the process of implementing more wind and power plan projects. Respected Chair, the Government of Bangladesh sincerely wishes to increase its capacity of power generations from renewable sources. It is my pleasure to say that significant progresses have been made regarding energy efficiency projects in our country. Currently, five programs; EE labeling program, EE building program, EE financing program, EE awareness program, and Energy management program are being implemented in Bangladesh.

However, our journey towards achieving the goals set by SDG7 was not smooth. We have faced and are still facing a good number of challenges on our pathway to success. The challenges are lack of investment, capacity constraints, depletion of indigenous gas reserve etc. Still, respected Chair, the Government of Bangladesh expressed its strong determination to achieve SDG7 targets within the given timeframe.

Thank you Mr. Chair.

Thank you all.