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**Closing Statement
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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates and Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The CAREC Program has begun to become more strategic. Today, we have adopted the CAREC Comprehensive Action Plan and the Urumqi Declaration. These two documents laid cornerstones for expansion of fruitful regional cooperation and better understanding between nations in the region.

Allow us to note that this Conference was not only important but very successful indeed and made a great contribution to strengthening of the momentum of regional cooperation in the region of Central Asia. We believe that through all these cooperative efforts, the region holds great promise for a brighter future.

We would like here to reassure that the Government of Mongolia fully supports the Program of economic cooperation in Central Asia and is always ready to play an active role in order to direct joint efforts to ensure development of our countries and provide our people with greater prosperity.

Once former President of the ADB mentioned that "The regional cooperation is not an option, but a necessity for the Central Asia". We would like to note that it's us, and the future of the region is in our hands. It will be our vision, our commitment, and our concerted actions that will make the region stable and prosperous. The gains from regional cooperation depend upon continuous efforts of each member country and only joint efforts will decide whether our ambitious plans will turn into a success.

We will therefore be much looking forward to comprehensive and yet result-oriented sectoral strategy-plans in the year of 2007. We would like to wish success to the sectoral coordinating committees in doing it.

Once again we would like to express our appreciation to the Government of the People's Republic of China, the Government of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, ADB and CAREC Unit for their excellent arrangements for this important gathering and warm hospitality that was extended to us all. And of course, many thanks to our interpreters and other supporting staff who enabled better communication during the Conference and enjoyable stay here in this beautiful city of Urumqi.

Thank you and see you again next year.