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On behalf of the Tajik delegation, I welcome all participants of the twenty-second Ministerial Conference of the CAREC Program.

In the time since the Ministerial Conference last year, despite the serious events taking place in the world and a generally difficult year for all countries of the world, significant work has been done within the framework of the CAREC Program by the participating countries and multilateral institutions. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our colleagues from the Government of Georgia for their chairmanship this year, as well as to the team of the Asian Development Bank, especially the CAREC Secretariat for the impeccable organization of the Program's events in these difficult conditions.

Our region, like the whole world, is exposed to the most complex crisis situations, such as major geopolitical conflicts, trade wars and sanctions. The consequences of these crises - sharp increases in world energy and food prices, rising levels of inflation and poverty, increasing public debt - are aggravated by the increasing frequency of natural disasters and global warming.

We believe that deepening large-scale cooperation at the regional level should be an absolute imperative in order to minimize losses from crises, as well as to adequately respond to modern challenges. An analysis of world experience confirms the need for unified efforts in responding to challenges, as well as the inconsistency of the course towards isolationism. Now more than ever, a sense of solidarity, mutual support and overall cohesion are important and in demand.

I am very pleased to note that our joint activities within the framework of the CAREC Program have grown into a process of constant and consistent constructive dialogue between countries and development partners, aimed at increasing trust and transparency, achieving mutual benefits and interests.

Regarding the documents submitted for our consideration on the CAREC Climate Change Vision and the Concept for the CAREC Climate and Sustainability Project Preparatory Fund, Tajikistan fully supports them. We believe that these documents can become the basis for the development of a systematic and strategic approach of CAREC to the climate agenda in the region.

Today, the countries of the CAREC Program are at the stage of rethinking the region's development strategy, taking into account the new realities of the modern world. The task of regional integration should first of all be to take part in global competition from a more powerful position in order to accelerate economic development, ensure its stability and improve the well-being of citizens.

The synergistic effects of coordinated cooperation in the priority areas of the CAREC Program can multiply the opportunities that exist in each of the countries of the region.

We are confident that this year's activities will strengthen CAREC's characterization as a results-oriented program and provide new impetus for further interest and increased support from multilateral institutions.

Taking this opportunity, on behalf of the delegation of the Republic of Tajikistan, I would like to once again confirm our full support for the CAREC Program.

We will continue to interact with all participating countries of the Program and development partners based on the principles of equality and common interests to realize our long-term vision of regional cooperation – Good Neighbors, Good Partners, Good Prospects.

In conclusion, I would like to wish all participants of the Ministerial Conference successful cooperation within the framework of the CAREC Program.