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Secretary-General,

Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Government and the people of Kiribati, it is a great privilege to

development of the energy act, currently being drafted, which will enable the adoption of Renewable Energy framework.

Kiribati acknowledges the support from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and other partners for the support and assistance provided to various rural sectors to achieve the 100% renewable energy target.

Kiribati also has another key project with the Global Environment Facility called Promoting Outer Island Development through the Integrated Energy Roadmap project aiming to establish utility based solar power in the main areas on all outer islands in Kiribati, including the Southern Kiribati Hospital. Energy assistance from the China South-South Climate Cooperation Fund will hopefully provide 9,000 durable Solar home systems for all households on the outer islands by 2023. Further, support is also received from the Italian government to finance the transition of the electricity supply to photovoltaic battery energy storage system (PV/BESS) off grids in Boarding Secondary Schools in the outer islands.

Lastly, I invite our development partners to join our march for the Net Zero emission target by 2050. We will need to acquire extensive resources, capacity building,