

STATEMENT

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Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

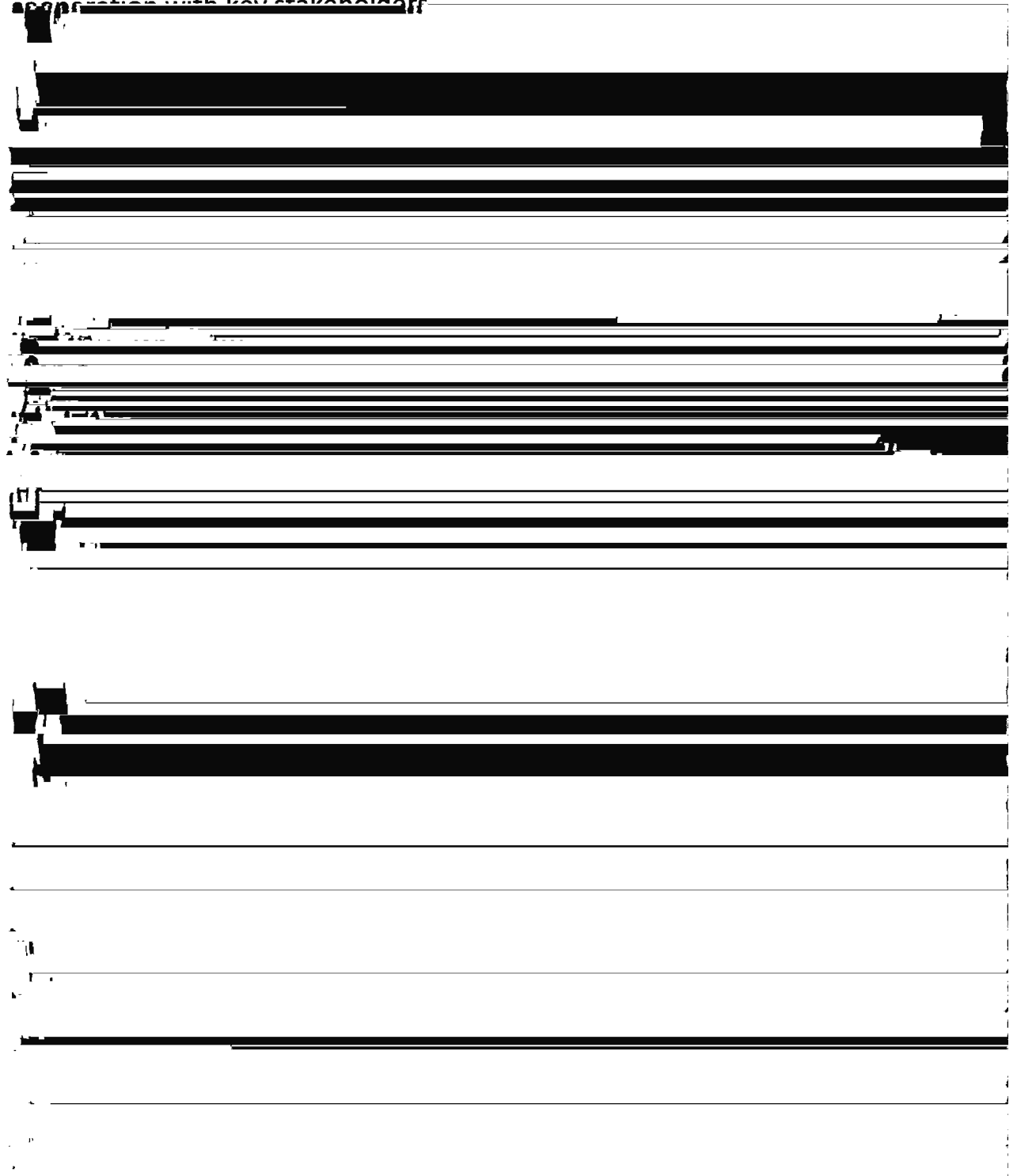
It is a profound honour to address you on the occasion of this High-level Dialogue on Energy.

Seychelles as a SIDS, is accelerating its efforts to scale up Renewable Energy, increase energy efficiency in the country, and move to green transport. As a large oceanic state reliant on the ocean for many things, Seychelles is doing its best to transform our energy systems, and in doing so, contribute its fair share in combating the climate crisis.

So far, we have invested in solar farms, a wind farm and will host the first Independent Power Producer in Africa to have a utility-scale grid-connected solar PV plant. We are also putting in place financing schemes to encourage private entities and residents to install solar PV on buildings to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels and in turn, reduce pressures on our foreign exchange reserves.

Moreover, we are working on a national e-mobility strategy and regulatory and policy frameworks for electric vehicles. We are shifting to low-carbon technology to substantially reduce our greenhouse gas emissions through refrigeration and air conditioning, so as not to raise our carbon footprint.

As Seychelles is accelerating its efforts to scale up Renewable Energy in the country, we will take this occasion to connect and consult with International Partners for suitable investment opportunities in Renewable Energy. We will also discuss future energy sources for the country to facilitate collaboration and cooperation with key stakeholders



challenges such as a varied, fragmented financing with stringent financing procedures, reduced access to financial assistance because of the country's GDP level, and also if we do not find innovative ways to alleviate the country's debt burden

Supporting policies, legislation as well as promotional schemes are being prepared and shall be implemented in the near future, but we count on the continued attention and the support of key development partners, to work with small island states like Seychelles, to showcase the importance of multilateralism and durable partnerships to strengthen climate change mitigation, adaptation efforts and to contribute to the recovery from the Covid pandemic.