

**Speech of the Sultanate of Oman at the
United Nations Conference on
Sustainable Development**

H.E. Mr. President,

Your Excellencies Heads of Delegations,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Omani delegation participating in the deliberations of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, I have the honor to convey to you the cordial greetings of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said and his best wishes for the success of this World Summit, which will lead to a sustainable and bright future and provide a decent life to us and our future generations.

The participation of the Sultanate of Oman in the deliberations of this conference on sustainable development confirms its interest in this forum, its great interest in sustainable development issues, while pursuing to upgrade the human being and improve his living standards, and supports the international efforts made to protect the environment, conserve its natural resources and confront the climate change challenges as well as its commitment to sustainable development principles and objectives as a strategic option for it. On its implementation of the five-year plans for development, it takes into account the integrity of the environment, economic growth and social justice for all the segments of the community.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Sultanate of Oman has adopted a balanced development track based on the principle of harmonization between the requirements of development in all fields and the need for protection of the environment from all forms of pollution, maintenance of the nature components, and conservation of the natural resources to achieve sustainable development in line with the international efforts based on the principles of sustainable development and commitment to all relevant regional and international conventions.

In this context, the government of the Sultanate interprets the interest in the national environmental issues, through the enactment of legislations and laws aimed at protection of the environment, prevention of pollution, management of nature reserves, conservation of wildlife, reduction of the climate change impacts, integration of environmental considerations and requirements in all production and service projects, and application of legal rules that prevent the impact of development and industrial projects on ecosystems so as to achieve the principles of sustainable development to the community and use the applications of renewable energy and environmentally friendly production techniques.

Mr. President,

Honorable Heads of Delegations,

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The Sultanate, in more than one occasion, stressed on the importance to address many vital issues related to environment and sustainable development in the light of what has been disclosed by the Human Development Report of 2011, issued by the United Nations Development Program, also the importance to take urgent measures to slow climate change and prevent further environmental degradation, and

find the best ways to help millions of people in the world to address the challenges of poverty and hunger and halt practices that threaten the climate of this planet and their implications on the global environment and its biological resources, which has become threatened with the loss of more than one third of its known species if the deterioration of the climate continued with the same speed we are witnessing now.

My country looks forward, with optimism, to the outcome of the important decisions of this historic Summit to support the implementation of practical programs to achieve sustainable development and enhance the partnership between developed and developing countries so as to build capacity, transfer and adapt appropriate technologies, disseminate environmental awareness by using these techniques, ensure that all people have access to water, food and clean energy that meet their needs, increase their capacities to protect terrestrial and marine wildlife from pollution and depletion, safe consumption of natural resources without prejudice to the ecological balance and to strengthen the capacity of our local communities so as to cope with environmental disasters.

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Honorable Heads of Delegations,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In conclusion, the Sultanate of Oman confirms its support to the objectives of this World Summit on Sustainable Development considering it an opportunity to build the future which humans aspire to at the beginning of the second decade of the twentieth century so as to achieve an environment suitable to sustainable development.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend, on behalf of the Government and people of the Sultanate of Oman, sincere thanks and

appreciation to all the concerned staff for their efforts in preparation for the success of this World Summit. I would also like to express sincere thanks and gratitude to the Government and people of the friendly Brazil for their hospitality and good preparation for this great international event, wishing you all success and decent life and hoping that prosperity and stability will prevail all over the world.