



State of the World  
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Mr. President,

The IIAF reaffirms the importance of implementing the recommendations of the Conference of Financing for Development in 2002

integrated mechanism for financing and the eradication of poverty in the world, and they provide a comprehensive method to confront the growing challenges facing the world.

In light of the current global economic and financial crisis which left its impact on most countries of the world. Therefore, we stress the necessity of

cooperation between North and South, South-South cooperation and trilateral cooperation to overcome the barriers that impede the full

implementation of those recommendations of the Conference. The United Arab Emirates will continue its cooperation with the international community to achieve that goal.

Mr. President

The United Arab Emirates was able to deal with the global economic crisis through precautionary financial policies and measures that enabled us to contain its aftermath as quickly as possible and to continue mobilizing the national resources to regularize the development and maintain the

developing human resources, implementing economic diversification strategies, expanding the production base and exploiting oil revenues to establish the infrastructure necessary to launch development in other economic sectors. All of which contributed to a continued economic growth despite the global economic slowdown.

In the area of foreign investments, the government's guided initiative and policies on completion of the legal infrastructure and  
helped in creating an attractive and motivating work and investment

According to the International Trade Report for 2016, UAE ranked on top of the Middle East and North Africa, and number 16 globally. In the mean time there has been a significant increase in the

such as sea ports, tourism, real estate, construction, agriculture, hospitality, communication, finance, and renewable energy.

The UAE presents 0, 33% of its GDP for foreign development assistance, exceeding the (0, 07%) representing the world average, which is paid as grants for about 100 developing countries around the world.

**Mr. Decadent**

The UAE continues to seek new and innovative ways to finance development in the developing countries such as providing education and health care for children and poverty eradication. For instance we have established the Sultan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation which is a common donor donation to provide vaccination for 55 million children in Afghanistan and Pakistan, while a number of organizations in the UAE, such as Dubai Care, Naor Dubai, and the UAE Red Crescent are providing for millions of children in more than 20 developing countries in Africa and Asia.

In the mean time, the UAE is providing a number of international partnerships for long term development assistance to poor countries around the world, such as the Group of "Friends of Yemen", "Friends of a democratic Pakistan", the international efforts to rebuild Afghanistan and the Contact group on Piracy off the coast

The UAE has currently been focusing on two vital areas in relation to economic growth and sustainability, energy and food security. Since the UAE has established its strategic role as a major provider of energy from oil and natural gas, it is striving to consolidate this status through various leading-edge initiatives in developing scientific energy and clean technology in a view to prolong investments in natural resources and securing energy to meet the continuing increase in demand resulting from the increase in the world population. The most important investment in this field locally has been the establishment of Masdar City in Abu Dhabi, which is planned to be a global center for the development of renewable and sustainable energy.

Furthermore, the UAE is one of the major investors in sustainable energy in some of the European countries. It has pledged to provide support to renewable energy projects in small Island development states, and looks forward to further cooperation with these countries in areas of renewable energy.

In regard to food security, the UAE Government is making steady efforts to confront the challenges of water scarcity and arid lands in the region. In addition to investing in water desalination, the government has been leading national initiatives on natural water resources preservation and storage while encouraging and supporting farmers to make choices and promote saving water and using sustainable farming techniques on the other hand, the UAE Government also provides financial support to small and medium enterprises and job opportunities in Africa as providing additional job opportunities.

In the area of foreign trade, the IIAE has entered trade agreements with many of developed and developing countries especially in Africa. Our trade with Africa constitutes 4% of the total foreign trade of IIAE. In 2011, our foreign trade achieved a 14% growth.

As for foreign debts, we support debt reduction and debt relief strategies especially for conflict emerging countries to help them rebuild their economies and employment.

**Mr. President,**

The UAE will continue implementing the recommendations of Monterrey and the Doha conference in fulfilling our national commitments and international commitments in helping developing countries to achieve the millennium development goals.