

**STATEMENT BY HRH PRINCE MOHAMED BOLKIAH
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Thank you Mr. Chairman, and my congratulations on your election.

As usual, we have had a wonderful welcome in Bali, so many thanks for all your hard work and our great appreciation to President Yudhoyono for his fine opening address.

Also, our very best wishes to Director-General Azevêdo and our warmest greetings to our new members: the Lao People's Democratic Republic; the Republic of Tajikistan; and to the Republic of Yemen who are joining us today. It is a pleasure to be working with you.

Our job as Ministers every two years is supposed to be quite straightforward. We are here to express approval or disapproval of the organisation's work.

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