

Intervention of H.E. Dr Sea Kosal,
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Madam Chairperson,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

My Delegation would like to express its high appreciation to you, Madam Chairperson, for convening this meeting to brief us in regard to the Strategic Framework for the Biennium 2008-2009 and for providing us the opportunity to discuss this important subject.

The Royal Government of Cambodia strongly supports the Strategic Framework for the year of 2008 – 2009, and firmly believes that the Strategic Framework will continue to provide the necessary guidance for members of ESCAP to achieve positive outcome in the implementation of our development strategies.

As it was expressed by my Delegation during the ACPR (Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives) meeting in June, this year, Cambodia is of the view that it is imperative for the Subprogramme 5, 6 and 8 to include reference to the special needs of the Least Developed Countries. Successful efforts to provide continued support for LDCs in the fields of Transport and Tourism, Environment and Sustainable Development, and Social Development are significant in the development efforts of countries with Least Developed Status.

In this regard, my Government is very grateful that the Subprogramme 5 and 6 of the Strategic Framework for the year 2008-2009 have incorporated this important aspect, and would like to request that the priority of the special needs of the LDCs be included in Subprogramme 8. of the Strategic Framework, as well.

Thank You.