Statement to be delivered by H.E. Mr. A.K Abdul Momen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh, after his election as the Chairperson of the Second Committee of 66th Session of the General Assembly

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Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen.

At the very outset, I would like to convey my greetings to our newly elected President of the General Assembly, to all Vice Presidents, chairpersons and bureau members of all main committees of the 66th UNGA session. Let me express my sincere thanks and appreciation for having your confidence on me by electing me as the Chair of the Second Committee of the 66th General Assembly. While I feel honored and humbled, I understand, this is a huge undertaking. I also understand and let me think it loud, only with your support, advice and guidance, we could be successful.

Distinguished friends and colleagues,

Second Committee is arguably a very big committee in terms of development and economic activities. Given the fact that, majority of the UN member states are developing countries, socio-economic development lies atop in their agenda. We all know, the ongoing impact of the global economic and financial crisis, compounded by food and fuel price increase and challenges of climate change and sustainable development has continued to put the second committee activities in the lime light of international plethora. We all know that a small resolution in the Second Committee may result in a tremendous impact in developing economies, particularly in LDCs and their millions of people. Keeping this in mind, our intention will be to incorporate, through our traditional and relevant new resolutions, such as resolution on implementation and follow up of the Istanbul Program of Action, the hopes and aspirations, of millions of people living in this planet earth.
Distinguished delegates,

Parallel to the general session, this year we will have two important high level side events on Non Communicable Diseases and Desertification. After conclusion of the substantive work, our action will continue to lead up to COP 17 in Durban in December 2011 and the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in June 2012 in Reo. In all these, I look forward to your continued constructive collaboration, support and proactive participation.

Distinguished Delegates,

In discharging my responsibilities, I shall count on the support of my distinguished colleagues in the Bureau - distinguished Vice-chairpersons and Rapporteur who will soon be elected. Needless to mention, I shall rely on active support from the offices and staffs of the Secretary General, Under Secretary General for Economic and Social affairs and Under Secretary General for General Assembly and Conference Support without whom it would be virtually impossible for me and my Bureau to deliver the assignments we have been entrusted with. May I also seek in advance help and support from the Programme Planning and Budget Division for passing out of the resolutions in the Second Committee smoothly. Finally, I would rely on my colleagues - the second committee experts. Let us be prepared to do our best for the betterment of the teeming millions, so that together we all can be proud of our accomplishment at the closure of a successful session.

I thank you all.