

Testimony of James L. Connaughton Chairman, White House Council on Environmental Quality

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Mr. Chairman, thank you for inviting me to testify on the recent United Nations Climate Change Conference which took place last month in Bali, Indonesia. As my testimony, I am submitting the Bali Action Plan as agreed to by all parties attending the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at the 13th Meeting of the Conference of Parties.

Additionally, I have included for the Committee a presentation which I delivered on December 12, 2007, at the U.S. Side Event in Bali, entitled, "Partnerships in Action: Energy Security, Clean Development, and Climate Change". I have also attached additional technical presentations which describe the potential of technologies and some of the actions the U.S. has undertaken to date. These presentations were delivered at the U.S. Side Event by Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; William Hohenstein, Director of USDA's Global Change Program Office; and William Irving, Team Leader of EPA's Greenhouse Gas Inventory.

Lastly, I am submitting the President's remarks at the first Major Economies Meeting on Energy Security and Climate Change, delivered on September 28, 2007, in Washington, DC.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify, and I look forward to responding to your questions.

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