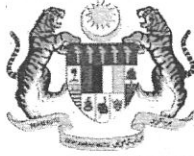


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Mr. President,

The delegation of Malaysia is pleased to welcome the delegation of the Sultanate of Oman, led by H.E. Dr. Hinai, Secretary General of the Research Council of Oman to 17th Session of the CSTD. My delegation also wishes to thank UNCTAD for their informative and comprehensive presentation of Oman's Science, Technology and Innovation Policy review of which we have heard with much interest.

2. Malaysia wishes to commend the Government of Oman's participation in the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy STIP review. The Government of Oman's participation in this review process is reflective of its strong commitment in advancing Oman's science, technology and innovation policies to further propel its overall economic and development growth.

3. Malaysia realizes that an innovation-led growth would be a way out of the middle income trap, a common predicament afflicting many developing countries. It is upon this realization that Malaysia, similar to Oman, has undertaken serious efforts to establish a scientifically progressive society through the strengthening of Science, Technology and Innovation in all sectors and levels to further support the national socio-economic development and transformational agenda. Malaysia had also established its National Policy for Science, Technology and Innovation (NPSTI). The NPSTI is grounded on **5 Key Policy Foundations**, namely **STI for policy; policy for STI; industry commitment in STI; STI governance; and STI for a stable, peaceful, prosperous, cohesive and resilient society.**

4. In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation wishes to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman:

- 4.1 One: to continue the Government's constructive efforts in inculcating and promoting Science, Technology and Innovation at all levels to create a scientifically advanced, creative, innovative and progressive society;
- 4.2 Two: to develop an action plan with the vision of implementing the Government's National Innovation Strategy and STIP recommendations before the end of 2015; and

- 4.3 Three: to encourage Research Commercialisation at Oman's research institutions and universities with the objective of encouraging further innovation.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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13 May 2014