

Dear all,

I feel very honoured to close this Forum in which we have been able to see how the application of Best Available Techniques (BATs) and Cleaner Production by the industrial sector and the implementation of the IPPC play a key role in the up-grading of the industrial sector in Turkey and the necessary decoupling between the industrial development and environmental degradation.

In this respect, we have been able to see and discuss on the main assets and challenges in Turkey to promote the application of BATs and Cleaner Techniques for the up-grading and improvement of the industrial companies, basing on the Green competitiveness to address environmental management, not as an economic development burden but as an opportunity to: make economic savings, increase profitability and improve corporate image.

Likewise, we are very glad of the opportunity that this Forum has provided to hear from experts from Turkey, EU countries as Spain and Belgium and new EU member states as the Czech Republic and Poland, on their experience and lessons learned concerning the application of the IPPC in their respective countries and regions. In this regard we are sure that the fruitful discussions that arose throughout the sessions of yesterday and today have provided new information and knowledge that will contribute, on the one hand, to boost the shift of the Turkish industrial sector to Green Competitiveness and, on the other hand, to the current efforts that Turkey is making to progressively align their environmental policy on industrial emissions to the IPPC Directive.

In this sense, we want to thank you all for your active participation during this Forum. Likewise, we specially thank the strong support and collaboration that both the Ministry of Environment and TUSIAD have provided since the first moment this project was launched and especially to Hande Baloglu from TUSIAD.

Moreover I would like to thank the experts their commitment and the work done shearing with all of us such interesting information.

Receive my gratitude and thank you.