

Key agreements on controversial energy paragraphs:  
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8. Take joint actions and improve effort to work together at all levels to improve access to reliable and affordable energy services for sustainable development sufficient to facilitate the achievement of the Millennium Development goals, including the goal of halving the proportion of people in poverty by 2015, and as a means to generate other important services that mitigate poverty, bearing in mind that access to energy facilitates the eradication of poverty. This would require actions at all levels to:

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19. Call upon Governments, as well as relevant regional and international organisations and other relevant stakeholders, to implement, taking into account national and regional specificities and circumstances, the recommendations and conclusions of the Commission on Sustainable Development concerning energy for sustainable development adopted at its ninth session, including the issues and option set out below bearing in mind that in view of the different contributions to global environmental degradation, States have common but differentiated responsibilities. This would include action at all levels to:

19(e) Diversify energy supply by developing advanced, cleaner, more efficient, affordable and cost-effective energy technologies, including fossil fuel technologies as well as renewable energy technologies, hydro included, and their transfer to developing countries on concessional terms as mutually agreed. With a sense of urgency, substantially increase the global share of renewable energy sources, with the objective of increasing its contribution to total energy supply, recognising the role of national and voluntary regional targets as well initiatives where they exist, and ensuring that energy policies are supportive to developing countries' efforts to eradicate poverty, and regularly evaluate available data to review progress to this end.

19(p).bis Take action, where appropriate, to phase out subsidies in this areas that inhibit sustainable development, taking fully into account the specific conditions and different levels of development of individual countries and considering their adverse effect particularly on developing countries.

19(s) Countries are urged to develop and implement actions within the framework of the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, including through public-private partnerships, taking into account the different circumstances of countries, based on lessons learned by Governments, international institutions and stakeholders and including business and industry, in the field of access to energy, including renewable energy and energy-efficiency and advanced energy technologies, including advanced and cleaner fossil fuel technologies.