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Mr. Gurmit Singh is an environmentalist, social activist and engineer. He is the Chairman of the Centre for Environment, Technology and Development, Malaysia. Prior to becoming Chairman, he was the Centre's Executive Director from June 1985 to December 2006.

He is also an Adviser to the Environmental Protection Society, Malaysia; a member of the Environmental Quality Council, Malaysia; a Steering Committee Member of the Climate Action Network, Southeast Asia (CANSEA) where he held a number of key positions; Steering Committee Member of Sustainable & Peaceful Energy Network Asia.

Mr. Singh has organized and managed CETDEM's key programs including its Mobilising Malaysians on Climate Change Project from January 2002 until May 2005, Capacity Building in Sustainable Energy Usage in Urban Households from April 2003 until June 2006, Documentation & Demonstration Centre for Sustainable Energy Solution in Urban Households from March 2004 until February 2007, and Working with Petaling Jaya Community on Sustainable Energy Usage from January to December 2006 among many other prior initiatives.

Mr. Singh has also been active in many other environment-related initiatives. He served on the Department of Environment's Ad Hoc Review Panels for the Environment Impact Assessment Reports on the Asian Rare Earth Waste Disposal site in Perak, Titanium Dioxide Plant in Terengganu, a Chlor-alkali Plant in Johor, Singapore's Linggiu Reservoir in Johor, Malaysian Titanium Corporation's plant in Perak, and Malaysian Integrated Scheduled Waste Management Centre in Negeri Sembilan.

Mr. Singh also served on the Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment's Environmental Laws

Review Committee, its Environment Policy Drafting Committee and similar committees of the Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment since July 2005.

Mr. Singh sits on the National Committee for Environmental Standards, the National Climate Committee, National Steering Committee of GEF Capacity Building on Climate Change, National Steering Committee of GEF Industrial Energy Efficiency, among other important Committees.

Mr. Singh has published several important references on the environment, including Malaysian Urban Household Energy Consumption Patterns in 2006; Sustainable Development Indicators Report in 2004, Making Biodiversity Meaningful in 2001 and delivered over 400 papers at local and international seminars and meetings on environment, conservation, energy, engineering, technology, research, climate change and human rights.

For his dedicated work, the Malaysian Government awarded Mr. Singh the distinguished Langkawi Award in 1993. He also received an Honorary M.Sc. from Universiti Putra Malaysia in 2000.

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