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Letter dated 3 May 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the contribution of Germany to the compilation of national and regional goals and commitments being prepared at the fifteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the fifteenth session of the Commission.

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Germany contribution for the CSD 15 compilation of national and regional goals and commitments

Promotion of Renewable Energy in Germany

Region / country	Europe / Germany
Leading actor(s)	Germany / Government of Germany
Participating actor(s)	none
Main objective(s)	Increase the share of renewable energy in primary energy consumption to at least 10% by 2020, to raise the share in electricity generation to at least 20% in the year 2020, increase the share of biofuels in the fuel consumption to 8% by 2015
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• for the electricity market: the Renewable Energy Sources Act• for the heat market: the federal market stimulation programme and a planned Renewable Heat Sources Act• in the biofuel market: Implementation of blending obligation and quota system• Research and Development
Expected results	The resulting market dynamics lead us to expect that a 16% goal set for total energy consumption by 2020 will be achieved or even exceeded. The goal of the Government is that, renewable Energy should meet about half of the energy demand by mid-century
Target area / place	Germany
Arrangement(s) for financing	The relevant provisions of the new Act constitute legal restraints imposed on electricity supply companies. These companies are committed to buying the renewable electricity from independent power producers at the tariffs fixed by law
Monitoring process	The new Act will be monitored by a periodical report on the and time frame development of the share of renewable electricity and the evolution of the costs per kilowatt hour in order to ensure accelerated growth of renewable energies and cost reduction

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