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Right of Reply - Declaration by Mr Thani Ahmed Saeed Alshakkay, Minister for Climate Change and Environment of United Arab Emirates

I would like to respond to his Excellency the Ministry from Qatar. I would like to highlight that what we have done is a boycott and not an embargo and it is a right that we would like to exert. I would like to reassert that our country has full sovereignty to take this kind of measures because these measures have to do with national security and with the protection against terrorism. Therefore the decision to boycott Qatar has been the result of activities perpetrated by Qatar over the past twenty years and the purpose of the Qatar activities was to incite to disobedience. Also, the activities of Qatar aimed mainly at promoting terrorism, creating secession, create destabilization in the region, etc. We look forward to having Qatar answering our requests and we would hope for having together security and safety in our region.

Thank you very much.