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H.E. Baron Waqa, President of Nauru, 
Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia, 
Madam Executive Secretary of UNESCAP, 
Ministers, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, 
Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. Let me begin by congratulating Mongolia as Chair of the Ministerial Segment of this Session.

   ➔ I also wish to congratulate Prof. Dr. Armida Alisjahbana for her able leadership in UNESCAP.

   ➔ Rest assure that Indonesia will continue to support UNESCAP to achieve its objectives and to see this 75th Commission Session a success.

2. The theme of this Session, “Empowering People and Ensuring Inclusiveness and Equality”, is very timely to us all ...

   ➔ since inequality could happen in any countries, regardless of their level of development.
3. Indonesia regards **THREE main standpoints as key** ... in empowering the people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality.

4. **FIRST, quality education** is essential to enhancing the quality of human resources, thus empowering people.

5. In this context, I am glad to inform you that for the period of 2015 to 2018, Indonesia had successfully...

   - increased the net attendance rate at pre-primary education, and
   - improved the Gross Enrolment Rate at Senior Secondary School to 90% and Tertiary level to 30%.

6. Indonesia is on its way to achieve **universal education**...

   - particularly since **gender parity** and **income diversity** are no longer barriers for students to go to school.
7. Under his leadership, President Joko Widodo has been expanding education grants by distributing **Smart Indonesia Cards**.

- Through this program, all children are financially secured ... to finish their formal education.

8. **Secondly**, Indonesia believes that it is vital to improve **the welfare of the poor and vulnerable** ... in order to achieve **equality**.

- For the first time in history, we have successfully reduced poverty to a single digit.
- It is also important to maintain a stable economic growth and decrease unemployment.

9. The government has launched several vital programs to reach and assist them in their daily lives...

- We have **Indonesian Health Card (KIS)**... as the implementation of our universal healthcare program, which in particular targets the most vulnerable ones.
We launched Village Fund (Dana Desa) to help remote areas finance their development, community empowerment and other social activities.

We also have Hopeful Family Program (Keluarga Harapan) and MEKAAR, that target poor productive women who have or want to develop their micro home industry.

10. We also believe that infrastructure development plays an important role in improving inclusivity, connectivity and reducing inequality.

11. To support this, we have developed innovative financing instrument, such as..

Green Sukuk, blended finance, Islamic charity, social impact investments, and SDGs Financing Hub...

which have leveraged resource flows from both public and private sources.

12. Recently, Indonesia launched a low carbon development plan as part of our transition to green economy... a more sustainable path of development.
President Joko Widodo also persistently encourages the development of digital economy.... Last year, we have initiated the 2020 Go Digital Vision campaign...

We believe this effort will not only create employment, but also help small-scale and micro enterprises expand their marketing networks and spur the growth of banking.

Indonesia is one of few countries in the region who has thriving unicorn startups, .... including ride-hailing company Go-Jek, travel site Traveloka, and market places Tokopedia and Bukalapak.

These unicorns will, in turn, not only improve Indonesia's economy, but also hopefully, regional economy in a wider context.
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

16. The final point that I would like to raise is the importance of partnerships between all stakeholders as an enabler to achieve SDGs....

to ensure that the program implementation is inclusive, properly targeted and has maximum impact.

17. We also believe partnerships between countries are essential for the global implementation of SDGs.

⇒ As an emerging economy, we are also actively engaging our Pacific friends through South-South and Triangular Cooperation ... especially in capacity building and technical assistance.

Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

18. Indonesia is committed to achieve the 2030 Agenda...an agenda with a people-centred approach.
In this regard, for the next five years, we will continue to prioritize high quality education and human capital development...

to ensure equality and inclusivity...

to leave no one behind.

19. This year, we will submit our second Voluntary National Reviews (VNR)...

We hope that this step will help us improve our national effort.

20. At the same time, Indonesia hopes to further strengthen collaboration and cooperation among peoples and countries in striving for the SDGs for a prosperous and resilient Asia and the Pacific region.

21. I thank you.