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**ACCELERATING CLIMATE ACTION  
IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC FOR  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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***Madame Armida Alisjahbana  
Executive Secretary of UNESCAP,  
Distinguished Delegates,***

1. The Asia-Pacific region is facing a real climate challenge.
2. Last April... Asia experienced the worst heat wave in history.
3. The occurrence of natural disasters in the Asia-Pacific region... is the highest in the world.
4. In order to face this challenge... several steps must be taken.
5. **FIRST**, strengthen regional adaptation.
6. We need technological innovation in the agriculture and the fisheries sector..

7. As well as research in the development of plant varieties that are resilient against extreme weather...
8. Because the majority of people in the Asia-Pacific region are farmers and fishers..
9. Additionally, early warning systems must be strengthened.
10. And disaster-proof infrastructure must be prepared.
11. **Second**, bolstering regional climate action.
12. The Asia-Pacific region must play a part in realizing ***net zero emission***.
13. Indonesia promotes energy transition... through...
  - The development of the EV industry ecosystem;

- The use of new and renewable energy... including biofuel;
- And the gradual conversion of coal-based power plants.

**14. Third, global partnerships.**

15. The Asia-Pacific region needs 40 billion US dollars per year...

➔ for the transition towards low-carbon economy.

16. And what I would like to underline, in this connection....

17. These efforts need international support.

18. To that end... developed countries must implement their commitments.

19. Including the financing commitment of 100 billion US dollars per year.

20. The realization of **loss and damage financing facilities**.

21. The expansion of the **Just Energy Transition Partnership** scheme...

22. And the exploration of innovative financing.

23. Indonesia has initiated the ***Global Blended Finance Alliance***.

24. Because the synergy between governments and the private sector... will become a game-changer in climate action.

**Excellencies,**

25. UNESCAP has a big role to play in this regard... and must become a forum for the strengthening of-cooperation.

26. In tackling existing challenges.

27. Thank you.