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Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

I am pleased to address you today at the 79th session of the Commission of ESCAP.

The Ministry of Social Affairs of Indonesia is proud to have hosted the *High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013–2022* in October 2022. The Meeting brought together representatives of Asia-Pacific countries, International Organizations and Civil Society Organizations, to engage in vibrant conversations on how to create disability-inclusive societies in the Asia-Pacific region.

As the host country, we were pleased to see the high-level meeting adopt the landmark *Jakarta Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2023–2032*. It demonstrated the region's leadership and achievement in disability-inclusive development. While reaffirming the region's commitment to the effective implementation of the Incheon Strategy and the Beijing Action Plan, the Jakarta Declaration highlights six strategic areas to accelerate action to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities. These areas include the harmonization of national laws with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, meaningful participation of persons with disabilities, universal design-based accessibility, engagement of the private sector, gender-responsive life cycle approach to disability inclusion, and progress-tracking of disability-inclusive development.

I encourage the Commission to adopt the draft resolution on the "Implementation of the Jakarta Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2023-2032."

Indonesia has prioritized disability-inclusive development and taken steps to mainstream disability throughout national and local development efforts. Several programmes are aimed at increasing access to assistive devices and promoting economic autonomy for persons with disabilities. Indonesia's National Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities, 2021-2024, highlights the importance of stakeholders from various sectors working together to address the needs of persons with diverse disabilities.

Indonesia is committed to working with ESCAP, other Governments, and persons with disabilities to ensure the successful implementation of the Jakarta Declaration. I am

confident that, under the guidance of the Jakarta Declaration, the region can fulfil our collective commitment to “Make the Right Real.”

I thank you.