

**Statement of Mr. Laksana Tri Handoko at the 79<sup>th</sup> Session of the ESCAP Commission  
Chair of the Fourth Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for  
Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific**

Agenda item 4: Review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific and issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of the Commission

4(i) Information and communications technology, science, technology, and innovation

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- Our region took a major step forward with the adoption of the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in 2018.
- Enhanced regional cooperation under the Plan of Action can help to implement actions that are demand-driven, cost-effective and transformative. In this regard, Ministers, high-level representatives and the heads of the space community from 27 countries in Asia-Pacific met in Jakarta on 26 October 2022 for the Fourth Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific under the theme “SPACE+ for our Earth and Future”.
- As the Chair of the Ministerial Conference, it is my pleasure to report the key outcomes of the Conference to the Commission:
  - a) The Jakarta Ministerial Declaration on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific was adopted, which encouraged members and associate members to accelerate implementation of phase II of the Plan of Action.
  - b) The Declaration encouraged members and associate members to further enhance substantive cooperation on space science and technology and their applications to strengthen the implementation of phase II of the Plan of Action by paying attention, as appropriate, to specific elements centred on and not limited to leveraging innovative digital applications, managing data and information more effectively, engaging end users and enhancing partnerships with national, regional and global stakeholders.
  - c) The Declaration appreciated the progress made in implementing the Plan of Action in its phase I and encouraged members and associate members to work together closely and develop appropriate joint programmes and projects that are aligned with the Plan of Action. In this connection, I am pleased to report that the Government of Indonesia announced initiatives at the Conference as a contribution to accelerating the implementation of phase II of the Plan through collaboration with ESCAP members and associate members. We invite all member states and associate members to participate and take benefit in collaborative activities through these initiatives.
- Thank you Chair for the opportunity to present the outcomes of the Fourth Ministerial Conference on Space Applications to the Commission, and I thank all distinguished delegates for their attention.