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**Intervention from State Secretary of Timor-Leste  
During The 7<sup>th</sup> Session of Committee on Environment and Development.  
Bangkok-Thailand, 1-3 of December 2022**

Honorable Chair and Ministers

And all Distinguish guest

I'm very please to joint this 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Environment and Development at this Ministerial level (CED-7). I wish to attend in person but for various reason I could not make it for this time.

I would like to recall our attention to the main theme for this 7<sup>th</sup> CED session, we saying that 'Protecting our planet through Regional Cooperation and Solidarity in Asia and Pacific'.

While we are discussion, some of the island nation in our region are facing real problems from the sinking of island affecting to the existence of a sovereign mater, drought, flooding, food and water insecurity, biodiversity losses, pollution including plastic issues and huge other socio-economic and environmental problem.

These all-environmental issues challenge us as leaders. Do we defining environmental issues as a mater of a community in a country level or we take moral responsibility as a mater of our planet and we need to redefine our collaborative action in different needs to solve our planet crises.

We need to have a strong collaboration in research sector in helping us predict all climate impact scenario, environmental degradation rate and define recommendation for remediation and mitigation. Research institution,

universities and scientist community needs to have a cross border and cross sectoral cooperation.

Financial Institution, Business and entrepreneur's entities to joint invest for helping the healing of our planet. Green business developers entities needs to develop a mutual cooperation with financial institution to accelerate transitioning from our conventional development to a more green and blue economy development.

We as political decision makers to help in develop appropriate legal framework and policy strategy for supporting green and blue economic development.

Technology holders to help the poor countries accessing technology for improving the life of community and increasing resilience to climate induced disaster and in the same time restoring their ecosystem services.

There are many environmental financial frameworks for Environment that also require cross boarder cooperation. From Global Environmental Facility that promote international cooperation on international water and The Green Climate Fund that just resent launching new financial modality so call 'Investment Platform' that require cross border cooperation, promoting environmental integrity, cross sectoral for climate resilience and blue economic development.

Yes, there are huge environmental problem, but there is also huge opportunity. Now, is the time for cooperation and action.

I wish this 7<sup>th</sup> Session of CED will come out with a productive discussion, clear and positive result and promoting strong cooperation in different environmental action for the region.

We all together, we can make another world is possible.

God bless all of us.

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