

**Excellencies,
Distinguished participants
Ladies and gentlemen,**

Greetings from Jakarta, Indonesia

It is my pleasure to join you today at the Seventh Session of the Committee on Social Development. I would like to take this opportunity to showcase Indonesia's perspective and progress on the implementation of social protection strategies in Indonesia, as this meeting aims to achieve our collective understanding and agreement on improving the welfare of the poor and vulnerable in our region.

Admittedly, Indonesia faces challenges in addressing the needs of social protection. Mistargeting and multiple deprivations are repeated and constant issues in the implementation of social protection programs. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has provided Indonesia with valuable lessons. The unexpected pandemic has brought inevitable impacts on employment, micro-businesses, food security, and poverty. Hence, improvements are necessary to ensure that our social protection system in Indonesia has the ability to address people's needs, including in the event of disasters, to enhance the quality and effectiveness of our social protection system.

Responding to the challenges, the government of Indonesia has started to impose social protection system reform. This reform is expected to boost significant improvements in some areas, including data collection and targeting, as well as the adaptiveness, expansion, convergence, and integration of social protection programs.

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We believe accurate and reliable socio-economic data is necessary to improve the effectivity of social protection delivery since data play an important role in guaranteeing adequate programs and accurate targeting. Regsosek is a socio-economic data collection of the entire population (by name and by address), which is updated regularly and simultaneously at the village level. Regsosek covers multiple datasets and information, including asset ownership, welfare level and rank, and housing and sanitation. Furthermore, Regsosek offers data interoperability so that we can have integrated data based on a single identity number.

Learning from the COVID-19 outbreak, we also believe that an adaptive social protection approach is urgently needed. Through this approach, the government of Indonesia aims to increase community resilience in the event of disaster. Indonesia also seeks to integrate three different policies and programs, including social protection, disaster risk management, and climate change adaptation. Furthermore, the government of Indonesia envisages a presidential decree for ASP and aims to have 30% of national and local government institutions adopt the ASP system by 2024. Moreover, ASP has also been accepted as one of the agendas for Indonesia's G20 presidency. We hope that the members of the G20 will also take this new approach into account in formulating more adaptive social protection systems in their respective countries.

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Implementing the reformation strategies alone might not be sufficient to achieve our goals. In addition, the government should improve collaboration between and among stakeholders to enhance social protection effectiveness; strengthen the capacity of related ministries/bodies; and develop adequate measurements to monitor and evaluate the efficiency, effectiveness, and impact of the social protection programs in assisting the poor and vulnerable. In order to do so, we believe that collective support from other countries plays a significant and strategic role in enriching our understanding of designing, formulating, and implementing adequate social protection strategies and policies.

Similarly, we welcome other countries in this region to take a glimpse of our experiences in Indonesia so that we can simultaneously learn from each other to improve the quality and effectiveness of our social assistance for those in need.

I would like to conclude my statement by saying that our task to ensure the welfare and prosperity of our people is very challenging. But I have great confidence that our collective action will make it easier and more achievable. Let's all join our hands as we continue to give our best endeavors, support, and serve our people in the region.

Thank you.