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**Statement by the Chinese Delegation**

**Agenda Item 5: Review of implementation of the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific**

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Honourable Chair, excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

Over the past few years, China has made noticeable progress in implementing the Incheon Strategy and the Beijing Declaration and Action Plan to accelerate disability-inclusive development. More than 90 laws in China are directly linked to upholding and advancing the rights of persons with disabilities. All registered persons with disabilities in rural areas have been lifted out of absolute poverty as scheduled through the “two assurances and three guarantees” strategy. The strategy aimed to provide persons with disabilities with adequate food and clothing and guarantee their access to compulsory education, basic medical services and safe housing.

China has established a social security system that provides living allowances for poor persons with disabilities and care subsidies for those with extensive disabilities, covering more than 27 million people. Moreover, China attached great importance to enhancing community-based health and rehabilitation services, early childhood intervention, quality and inclusive education, as well as productive employment and decent work for persons with disabilities. They were encouraged to engage in political and public life. Over 6,000 persons with disabilities and their representatives participated in the People’s Congresses and People’s Political Consultative Conference Committees at all levels.

China fully recognizes the significance of the Incheon Strategy and the Beijing Declaration and Action Plan as a unique set of tools to support inclusive and sustainable development, in view of their inherent synergies with the CRPD and the 2030 Agenda. The Incheon Strategy and the Beijing Declaration and Action Plan provided an effective framework to guide regional efforts towards disability inclusion during the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022. China reaffirms its commitment to continuing implementing the Incheon Strategy and the Beijing Declaration and Action Plan in the coming decade.

This year marks the end of the third Asia-Pacific Disability Decade. At this critical juncture, China appreciates the efforts made by ESCAP to conduct a comprehensive final review of the implementation of the Decade, the Incheon Strategy and the Beijing Declaration and Action Plan. It is critical to take stock of the progress made so far and press ahead with developing innovative policies and programmes for persons with disabilities. China takes note of the upcoming high-level intergovernmental meeting on the final review of the Decade in October and stands ready to make substantive contributions to this important meeting. China looks forward to working with the international community to realize our

shared goal of disability-inclusive development in Asia and the Pacific.