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Theme: A common agenda to advance sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific

Agenda Item 2(a) General Debate: Ensuring resilient supply chains and connectivity

Country Statement

Bangkok, Tuesday, May 24th, 2022, 10:00 - 12:00 (GMT +7)

Country statement should cover the whole item 2(a): A common agenda to advance sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific, and not the specific topics of the roundtables.

The document below presents how Governments can best response to complex and cascading risks from large-scale crises. Building on the declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 75/1, the theme study Reclaiming Our Future: A Common Agenda for Advancing Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific contains a description of pathways to achieve a more inclusive and sustainable post-pandemic recovery. It serves to identify elements for a common agenda for present and future generations centred on protecting people and planet, leveraging digital opportunities, trading and investing more together, raising financial resources and managing debt. It serves to underline the need to listen to and work with youth and place women at the centre of crisis-prepared policy action and new people-centred partnerships, with the assistance of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

The Commission may wish to review the issues and recommendations as contained in the present document and provide the secretariat with guidance on its future work in that regard.

Reference document: https://unescap.org/sites/default/d8files/event-documents/ESCAP_78_1_E_0.pdf

Thank you, Chair.

Distingused Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 1. In response to **Decade of Action**, Indonesia has put efforts in accelerating its SDGs implementation.
- 2. The pandemic has reversed SDGs progress and exacerbated inequality... both in terms of income and opportunity, within and among countries... exposing the risk of the vulnerabelity.
- 3. Actions from all stakeholders, therefore, are necessary to ensure inclusiveness and no one is left behind.
- 4. There are four areas of focus to build a **resilient** and **inclusive development** that may accelerate the SDGs achievement
- 5. **First,** to reduce inequality **we put forwards social protection and healthcare for all.** In this regard, we prioritize access to the vulnerable through:
 - 1) Strengthening National Health Insurance scheme;
 - 2) Providing more than 2 billion USD of cash transfers followed by enhancing adaptive social protection; and
 - 3) Implementing pre-employment card program.

These programs have reached the poorest and helped workers who lost their job to thrive in difficult times.

- 6. Second, we support MSMEs to go digital, particularly to improve their value added through:
 - 1) Capacity building programs;
 - 2) Open opportunities to take part in government procurement; and
 - 3) Wider access to domestic and global market.

- 7. Third, we implement low carbon and climate resilient development agenda. It is not about a trade-off between environmental impact and rapid economic growth... in fact sustainability is the future of economy itself. The global green market currently is valued at 4 trillion USD... and we believe it will keep increasing.
- 8. Fourth, we manifest sustainability in innovative financial instruments. Indonesia has launched its first SDGs Bonds, and also SDGs Investor Map. We continue working with non-state actors, to mobilize funding from private sector and non-profit institutions, through blended and innovative financing.
- 9. Indonesia is also finalizing its Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF) roadmap that helps us to orchestrate all sources and efforts, including the involvement of businesses and philanthropies, to achieve SDGs on time.

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 10. ESCAP has always been the key SDGs partner in the region. Hence, we urge ESCAP to:
 - Drive regional cooperation initiatives, particularly to enhance more sustainable value chain;
 - 2) Strengthen the capacity of its members so we could recover stronger together; and
 - 3) Continue discussing and developing policy recommendations for common regional and global goods, particularly in pressing issues of environmental protection and climate change.

Thank you very much.

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