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Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen,

We are at the midpoint of SDGs implementation. For Viet Nam, during the past 7 years, the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs have been implemented in the whole country with the participants of all stakeholders through National Action Plan for SDGs with the key theme “No one is left behind”.

Regarding SDGs implementation, we have made significant progress in many targets such as: eradicating poverty; providing clean water and hygiene toilets; providing access to quality education; achieving universal health coverage; developing industry, innovation and infrastructure; job creation and improved coverage of the social protection system; building peace, justice and strong institutions...

However, like other countries, Viet Nam faces big challenges in implementing and achieving SDGs by 2030, especially in financial resource. The latest Asia and Pacific SDG progress report shows that region progress has been slow and the overall progress of the region was determined to be a mere 14.44 per cent. This means that the gap between global commitment and the actual implementation and achievement is quite far. In the context that we are toward the 2023 SDGs Summit, Viet Nam would like to have some proposals to the Summit as follow:

- Firstly, SDGs goals and targets should be reviewed at global, regional as well as national level to evaluate the feasibility of SDGs achievement in 2030 and from that UN should have clear guidance for member countries for the remaining half way.

- Secondly, further promote the role of UN agencies in supporting member countries in SDGs implementation, especially in mobilizing financial resources; acting as a focal point in connecting with other partners and strengthening South-South cooperation.

- Lastly, take solid actions to narrow the gap between current available data and the set of 232 global SDGs indicators to promote the monitoring of SDGs.

I thank you for your kind attention./.