## Intervention by Islamic Republic of Iran To the 6<sup>th</sup> Committee on Environment and Development UNESCAP 10<sup>th</sup> Dec-2020

## Mr Chair, Distinguished delegates,

First of all, I would like to apologize for unabling to join you via Kudo yesterday because of the technical problems, although I followed up you through YouTube.

It is **undeniable** fact that the virtual meetings have some advantages and disadvantages that should be considered more.

In the context of establishing sustainable smart cities, I would like to inform the committee that the city of Tehran, by joining the United for Smart Sustainable Cities, has made a wide effort to sustainability of this populated city and improve its air quality.

This is a global platform for exchanging achievements, sharing knowledge, and creating the infrastructure for determining and measuring key performance indicators in the path of smartening the world's cities.

In this regard and for improving the air quality of metropolises, the government has facilitated the achievement of sustainable development goals in the urban areas by creating electronic platforms accessible to citizens.

Defining smart goals and long term perspective, investments by private sectors and supporting knowledge-based companies and start-up, determining the necessary projects and measures, increasing the benefits of urban green space, smartening and providing remote urban services, including car services, supporting online businesses, urban services, providing information and urban statistics related to, energy, health, and tourism, etc., upgrading air quality control and noise pollution system, recognizing the nature on urban sustainability, , and increasing Public transportation are the main plans and ongoing programmes to reduce urban traffic, help urban sustainability, and increase air quality.

Thank you for your consideration