Timor-Leste has been advancing the rights of PWDs through several policies and laws. The Constitution of Timor-Leste explicitly (akurat, definitif, gamblang, jelas, ketara. positif, spesifik, tegas, terang, terperinci. tersurat, definit, gambir, kategories) provides for non-discrimination and equal treatment for persons with disabilities. There are established organic laws and regulations that provide a basis to achieve the rights of PWDs in accessing education, employment and social assistance, which include (1) Decree Law 19/2008 that provides supporting Allowance for the Aged and the Disabled, (2) The Statute of the National Liberation Combatants (Law 9/2009) gives special consideration to persons who became either physically or mentally disabled in the national liberation struggle(berjuang) and provides some specific protections to veterans, as well as(serta/seperih halnya) the right to free prosthetic devices, (3) Decree Law 10/2008 (Article 10) designates the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MSS) as the main government entity responsible for designing (meretapkan), executing and coordinating activities in the area of disability.

The Ministry of social solidarity has directly or indirectly played a key role in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Asian and Pacific decade of persons with disabilities (2013-2022) as well as the Incheon strategy to “MAKE THE RIGHT REAL”. The Government has provided disability benefits to people with disabilities; who can no longer work due(karena) to their disability conditions– these people can register with the government and receive disability benefit. The disability benefit program provides a source of financial support to people with disabilities to create an enabling(memungkinkan) environment for them to actively participate in community-driven(berbasis masyarakat) development programmes.

The Ministry of social Solidarity has established a steering committee to spearhead(to mbak) the implementation of the disability action plan based on the Incheon strategy 2013-2022 objectives. It is composed of members from nine ministries and secretaries of state. Each ministry appoints(menunjuk) disability focal point who is responsible for inclusion of disability in their relevant institutions.

The government of Timor-Leste has put in place programs that support PWDs and general vulnerable populations. These programs include CBR Programs that provide rehabilitation services for both PWDs and the general community. Beneficiaries have been trained in life skills, advocacy, human rights that empower them to participate and be integrated in the general development efforts. In addition, the Training centre in Liquica Municipality and the National Rehabilitation Centre in Dili Municipality have been established to further(lebih lanjut) train and rehabilitate our communities. Many other programs have been developed with relevant disability stakeholders and partner organisations to support PWDs.

**Gaps and Challenges(kesenjangan dan tantangan)**

The implementation of the National Policy for the Inclusion and Promotion of the Rights of People with Disabilities and the National Action Plan for People with Disabilities is still weak (lemah). A few
stakeholders have embraced the policy commitment and the action plan on disability. Besides, the Incheon strategy 2013–2022 has not yet been translated into any of the national languages for easy understanding by the general public thus (dengan demikian) limits its implementation.

The Government is in the process of establishing the National Disability Council, which will facilitate inter-ministerial coordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the National Disability Policy, the Incheon strategy, UNCRPD, and linking people with disabilities to Government representatives. However, the Council has not yet been established.

Timor-Leste is also taking significant steps in building and strengthening social inclusive programs that fully address people with disability concerns (keprihatinan). We acknowledge (mengakui) the existing gaps such as (seperti) delayed (tertunda) ratification of UNCRP and establishment National Disability Council for the rights of PWDs that are yet to be addressed; however, the Ministry of Social Solidarity continues to ensure adequate (memadai) monitoring and evaluation, and learning to further improve the implementation of Incheon strategy. Furthermore (selanjutnya), there is still much to do in achieving total inclusive society, and achieving SDGS without leaving no-one behind. The Ministry of Social Solidarity continues to leverage (memanfaatkan) all relevant actors to work together and ensure sharing of good practices and lessons learned.

I would like to thank the organizers of this remarkable forum (forum luar biasa) for inviting Timor-Leste to participate, in high-level intergovernmental meeting on the midpoint review (tinjauan titik tengah) of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Person with Disabilities, 2013–2022.

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