NATIONAL STATEMENT OF INDONESIA

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Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalaamu’alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

On behalf of the Minister of Social Affairs if the Republic of Indonesia, I am honored to deliver Indonesia’s national statement in this auspicious meeting, and share Indonesia’s views on this crucial topic.
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The governments has a fundamental role “in ensuring, promoting and upholding the rights of persons with disabilities and in promoting the inclusion of disability dimensions in the development agenda beyond 2015 in diverse sectors”. This message is clearly expressed in the Ministerial Declaration on the Asian Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities 2013 – 2022, that we adopted five years ago.

Aligning with the spirit of the Declaration, the Government of Indonesia commits to ensure the fulfillment of the rights of persons with disabilities by prioritizing disability issues in various national legislation and development frameworks. We continue our efforts, among others by enhancing equal opportunities, improving the quality of life and independence of persons with disabilities, and promoting their active participation in the community.

The issuance of Law number 8 of 2016 on Persons with Disabilities marks a significant movement in shifting national’s perspectives towards persons with disabilities from charity-based to human right-based approach. This represents a breakthrough in the efforts to mainstream and protect the rights of persons with disabilities is by changing the mindset of policy makers, communities and persons with disabilities themselves.

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Let me now share some notable progress relevant to the implementation of Incheon Strategy in Indonesia.
On Education, we continue to provide Special Needs School and to increase the number of inclusive schools at all education level. We also continue to provide accessible school infrastructure, special assistant to students with disabilities and special needs, as well as Braille version examination paper and books.

On Employment, our Law stipulates 2 percent minimum quota for employment of persons with disabilities in public sectors, including state-owned companies. Government is also taking several measures such as linking inclusive education/training with job market by working together with private sectors that will provide employment for persons with disabilities; held job trainings promote decent and accessible working environment for persons with disabilities.

On Health, the Government took actions, including preventive measures such as free regular immunization program, early detection and intervention services; access to reproductive health services to persons with disabilities; and provision of national health care.

On Social Welfare, the Government provides social rehabilitation services. Having 19 National Centers serving social rehabilitation for persons with disabilities and promoting community-based social rehabilitation services, we aim at maximizing the fulfillment the rights of persons with disabilities. We have also strengthened and expanded social protection measures in the form of social assistances and providing assistive device for persons with disability. In collaboration with other government institutions and development partners such as GIZ, DFAT, JICA, and KODDI, we endeavor to promote the accessibility and openness of the physical and social environment to the persons with disabilities.
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Moving forward, the Government of Indonesia has started to work on the draft of follow up laws and implementing mechanism of the Law no 16/2016 in order to strengthen legal framework.

On institutional capacity, we currently in the process of establishing National Commission on the Persons with Disabilities.

On implementing mechanism, the government will continue to advocate the integration of disability perspective within National Action Plan for Human Rights and National Medium-Term Development Plan. We also put a high priority to develop a more inclusive and comprehensive social protection through Program Keluarga Harapan by increasing the target of the program from 6 million to 10 million to extent the inclusion of persons with disabilities, mainly those whom being neglected. and children with disabilities. To maintain the accountability of the program, non-cash mechanism will be used.

To conclude, Mr. Chair, I would like to assure that we shall do all within our means to systematically implement the recommendations of this meeting, and to maintain the spirit of close collaboration between all member states and partners in achieving common goals.

I thank you