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Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen,

In order to implement SDG commitment, in 2017, Viet Nam promulgated the National Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with 17 goals and 115 targets.

After nearly 5 years of Vietnam 2030 Agenda implementation, our country's rank on sustainable development index has continuously increased and reaching 49th out of 166 countries in 2020.

Viet Nam has just completed the national report on progress of five-year SDGs implementation. According to data availability till 2019, Viet Nam may achieve 5 out of 17 SDGs by 2030 (including: Goal 1 on poverty reduction; Goal 2 on hunger eradication; Goal 4 on inclusive quality education; Goal 13 on actions to protect the climate; Goal 17 on global partnership). However, there remain 12 SDGs difficult to be completed, especially SDG 12 and SDG 14.

Although gaining positive results in SDGs implementation, Viet Nam is facing many challenges in completing the SDGs by 2030 as other countries in the Asia-Pacific Region. And the Covid-19 pandemic exacerbates the challenges of achieving the SDGs by 2030.

To overcome the challenges and difficulties in implementing the SDGs, Viet Nam will synchronously implement tasks and solutions which focus on:

(i) Completing the policy system and improving the effectiveness of policy enforcement to assure equal contribution and benefits for all the people, especially the vulnerable;

(ii) Awareness raising and promote coordination, collaboration and participation among stakeholders;

(iii) Effectively mobilizing and using financial resources;

(iv) Developing human resources quality in accompany with promoting innovation, science and technology development and application;

(v) Improve resilient capacity to uncertain risks from climate change, natural disaster and diseases;

(vi) Proactive engaging in international cooperation and enhancing the role and status of the country.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic as well as recent global disasters show that steadfastness towards SDGs is the only way for the world to resilient and overcome the non-traditional challenges and unpredictable shocks.

However, the results from the 2021 SDG Progress Report for the Asia and Pacific show that our region is not on track to achieve any of the 17 SDGs by 2030. On its current trajectory, the region may achieve less than 10 per cent of the SDG targets. This shows that we need to implement SDGs in a more strategic way and the role of UNESCAP as well as development partners are very important in leading member states to achieve SDGs in 2030. Vietnam will work at our best to continue joint efforts for this human ambition.

Thank you for your kind attention./.