Country Statement of
the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea

Mr. Chair,

At the outset, I would like to express my hope that your able leadership will lead this session to a fruitful result.

I would also like to appreciate sincere efforts of the ESCAP secretariat for the success of this forum.

Mr. Chair,

In spite of a remarkable progress achieved in the attainment of the SDGs in this region since the adoption of 2030 Agenda, a number of challenges still remain.

Achieving sustainable agricultural development is a primary task in realizing food security, improved nutrition and ending hunger and poverty.

The government of the DPRK is proud of having made successes by directing primary attention to the work of ensuring food self-sufficiency through the enhancement of agricultural production capacity.

Last year, the agricultural production target was accomplished satisfactorily under difficult weather conditions and a large number of farm machines were produced and provided to the agricultural fields, thus raising the rate of mechanization in agricultural production on a higher scale.
In addition, with the construction of nutrient solution fertilizer factories for greenhouse and the expansion of the production capacity for urea fertilizer, solid foundation was laid for the sustainable development of agricultural production.

With a view to providing people with sufficient and civilized living conditions last year, the DPRK government built over 58,000 living flats for agricultural workers and large-scale greenhouse farms as well as modernized wheat processing factories and poultry factories in provincial areas.

It has also been regularly providing all children of the age of nurseries and kindergartens with dairy products at the expense of the state and freely supplying school uniforms, bags and shoes to students across the country.

The efforts of our state for attaining the SDGs has been confronted by considerable difficulties and obstacles in recent years, due to natural disasters caused by climate change.

In response to ever-worsening climate change and disaster-prone abnormal weather conditions, the DPRK government has been establishing scientific weather forecast system and pushing forward the protection and improvement of the lands and the ecological environment on a nationwide scale.

While taking measures in advance regarding dangerous spots highly exposed to such natural disasters as typhoon, flood, drought
and high temperature, the government is undertaking to lay the material and technical foundations for state's resilience against disasters in a far-sighted way.

The government of the DPRK will make an active contribution to the attainment of SDGs by strengthening the collaborations with ESCAP and its member states through exchange of experiences and technical matters.

Thank you.