Speech by Viet Nam’s Delegation

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through voluntary national reviews)

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

The Voluntary National Reviews play a vital role in the monitoring and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. It also facilitates the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned with the international community.

Understanding this importance, Viet Nam has twice presented the VNRs in 2018 and 2023. We have developed our VNR through a combination of different scientific methods, as well as by engaging the entire political system, NGOs, development partners, the United Nations, the business community, research institutes and scientists. Throughout 10 steps of building the VNR 2023, we have consulted with all relevant stakeholders to ensure that all voices are heard and nobody gets left behind. We also received extensive support from ESCAP in tracking SDG progress presented in the VNR.

The VNR has helped Viet Nam in analyzing the SDG progress as well as difficulties and challenges in the SDG implementation. From these breakdowns, the VNR has proposed steps to accelerate SDG implementation, notably through increasing policy coherence for sustainable development at both national and subnational levels, ensuring that all levels of government are aligned in their efforts to achieve the SDG.

Since VNR is an important tool for accelerating SDG implementation, we would like to recommend that ESCAP should further promote activities in supporting member states to develop and present their VNRs at the annual High Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development, especially in data gathering and statistical analysis.

I thank you for your kind attention./