Speech by Viet Nam’s Delegation

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Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating
poverty in times of multiple crises: The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient
and innovative solutions in Asia and the Pacific)

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

Our world today is facing multiple crises and challenges including climate
change, diseases, instability, conflicts, food and water insecurity, natural disaster,
biodiversity loss, and environmental pollution, exacerbating poverty. Eradicating
poverty is the first goal and strongly interlinked to other goals of the 2030 Agenda.
That is why we believe the theme this year of reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for
Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises is
timely and would contribute to the SDG progress across the region.

Viet Nam has made strong effort on alleviating poverty across the country
while promoting international cooperation in this area to accelerate SDG
implementation. Thanks to these commitments, we have made remarkable progress
and continue to be on track to achieve SDG1. Our multidimensional poverty rate
dropped from 9.2% to 3.2% between 2016 and 2023.

However, progress achieved with all the SDGs, including SDG1, remains
uneven across our region. That is why we must redouble our commitment and actions
to build a better future as well as to realize six key transitions of the 2023 Sustainable
Development Goals Summit, including: food systems; energy access and
affordability; digital connectivity; education; jobs and social protection; and climate
change, biodiversity loss and pollution. In addition, we must empower vulnerable
groups through improved access to critical infrastructure, technology, renewable
energy, health services, and education.

We hope that the 11th Asia - Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development will
achieve fruitful results that further accelerate SDG progress across the region and
contribute to the upcoming Summit of the Future.

I thank you for your kind attention./.