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Agenda Item 3: Accelerating the Implementation of the 2030 agenda through voluntary national reviews

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Thank you, Chair

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As part of our commitment to the SDGs, in the past, Indonesia has submitted three Voluntary National Reviews - in 2017, 2019, and 2021.

Furthermore, in ensuring effective SDGs localization, we have also encouraged our subnational governments to mainstream the 2030 Agenda in their development planning and submit their Voluntary Local Reviews (VLR).

Since 2021, a total of two subnational governments in Indonesia have submitted their VLRs and six others are in the process of formulating their VLRs.

I am pleased to inform that currently my institution, the Nusantara Capital Authority, is in the process of submitting its own VLR for Indonesia’s new capital city, Nusantara.

Nusantara is specifically designed to be a city that is green, smart, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable. As such, the development of Nusantara will contribute to the attainment of the SDGs in Indonesia, particularly to the city’s surrounding area and communities.

For Indonesia, formulating Voluntary Reviews such as this serves as an opportunity to both assess our SDG progress and also to share our experience to the global community.

Allow me to thus highlight two pertinent lessons that we learned throughout the process.

First, the importance of multistakeholder partnership in the attainment of the SDGs. The SDGs can only be attained when all stakeholders are all actively involved, this includes the government and all non-state actors, such as the private sector, civil society, and development partners.

We learned that encouraging multistakeholder cooperation cannot be taken for granted and have to be strategized.

Second, the need to localize the SDGs.

By localizing the SDGs, not only we synchronize global and national agenda, but we also provide an avenue for local governments to support the attainment of the SDGs through bottom up approach.

The SDGs also provide a strategic framework for local governments to advance sustainable development.

In Indonesia, we localize the SDGs all the way to the village level.

Excellencies, in closing, allow me to invite all delegates to the launching of the preliminary findings of VLR of Nusantara, which will be held tomorrow at 11.30 am at the Space
Ground Floor. This will be followed by a side event on Sustainable Urban Future, which be held in the theatre room at 12.15 pm.

I look forward to welcoming you at these events.

I thank you.

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