DISTINGUISHED MR. PRESIDENT!
DISTINGUISHED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

I am greatly pleased to participate at this session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

Uzbekistan specially underscores the important role of the Commission in addressing the current global problems and in this regard further consolidating the processes of international cooperation and integration.

The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan His Excellency Shavkat Mirziyoyev pays a profound attention to expanding the partnerships with this Organization.

In this regard, we support that this forum is being held under the theme «Building back better from crises through regional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific».

Overcoming the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, recovering back our economies and creating the new growth points are requiring to further strengthen the mutual relations among the member states.

It would be expedient that our concerted efforts should be aimed at further liberalizing the international trade, introducing the effective banking and finance mechanisms, optimizing the tax and tariff policies, and creating the new jobs.

We would like you to pay attention to the following concrete proposals and initiatives in terms of successfully tackling these tasks before us.

FIRST, we are becoming greatly concerned that due to the coronavirus pandemic, the poverty level is rapidly increasing worldwide.
We believe that it is necessary to develop a Joint Strategy for Poverty Reduction in the framework of the Commission to create the effective mechanisms based on the best practices of our countries.

We propose to establish a Regional Center of the Commission on Poverty Reduction in Uzbekistan.

In this regard, it is very important to establish an Expert Council on the Labor Market Development at the Organization to seek the ways to address this pressing problem.

SECOND, we need to launch a target program «Asian Clusters» on the Commission’s platform to create a production chain in our vast regions, to establish industrial cooperation, as well as to introduce the innovations and digital technologies.

THIRD, while paying a special attention to the problems of ensuring food security, it will be necessary to adopt a Cooperation concept in the Food sector together with the Commission’s center for agriculture.

It is important that the Concept reflects the widespread use by our countries of food markets and advanced technologies that increase the efficiency of agriculture, international research in the field and encourage the mechanisms for developing the public and private partnerships.

FOURTH, it is essential to strengthen the regional connectivity, efficiently use the transport infrastructure and consolidate the cooperation in the sphere of transit.

We especially emphasize the need to develop the multi-modal transport corridors that take start from China, traverse through the territories of the Central Asian countries and ensure access to the markets of South Asia, Middle East and Europe.

We invite the member states of the Commission to participate in the project of the regional Transport and Communication Center being established in Tashkent to ensure the mutual connectivity.
FIFTH, at present it is important to elaborate the new approaches on increasing the pandemic-free tourism products, especially, restoring the air flights and developing the sphere of tourism.

We deem it expedient to adopt the resolution «The post-pandemic stable development and stable tourism».

SIXTH, as an issue pertaining to the integral part of social development, we announce that Uzbekistan stands ready to join the initiative of the Commission to actively support women, namely «The information and communication technologies initiative for women».

Besides, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Commission due in 2022, we propose to hold the «Youth scientists world congress» of the Commission member states in the ancient city of Khiva – the birthplace of a great scholar of the Orient and the founder of algorithm Muhammad Khorazmiy.

SEVENTH, all of us deeply comprehend how it is very important to seek the deeply researched and scientifically buttressed clear answers and solutions to the modern acute global problems and threats.

In this regard, on the eve of the Commission’s sessions we propose to hold a Joint conference of the regional institutes at the Organization and top science and research centers of our country.

DEAR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

For the purposes of prosperity and stable progress of our regions, Uzbekistan will consistently continue to develop the broad-scale, open and practical partnerships in the framework of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

Thank you for your attention.