

**COUNTRY INTERVENTION
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

**AGENDA ITEM 3
SPECIAL BODY ON LEAST DEVELOPED, LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING AND
SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES**

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*Honorable Madam Chair,
Excellencies,
Distinguished colleagues,*

As stated in the report, Asia-Pacific countries in special situations have inherent structural weaknesses that hinder their development progress. These issues must be addressed with seamless and sustainable connectivity that can promote sustainable development. We agree that the COVID-19 pandemic and the crisis in Ukraine have heightened the importance of connectivity. In this regard, we commend the efforts of several regional cooperation initiatives for seamless and sustainable connectivity.

We believe that national-level actions should synchronise with and benefit from regional cooperation measures and initiatives. Development strategies and policies for national connectivity should integrate transport, energy, and ICT, while ensuring the sustainability aspects and based on the Quality Infrastructure Investment Principles agreed in the G20. In Indonesia, we have launched various initiatives to improve the country's connectivity, while promoting sustainable development.

Furthermore, under the G20 Indonesian Presidency 2022, we have committed our supports for the developing countries, including Least Developed Countries, and Small Island Developing States, through the G20 Roadmap for Recovery and Resilience for Developing Countries, including LDCs and Small Island Developing States, which focus on three focus area of Green and Blue Economy, Micro-Small Medium Enterprise, and Adaptive Social Protection.

It is also important to note that financing gaps and the urgency of climate change response must be placed at the core of such efforts. In line with this, we call for increased funding support from the international community to ensure the success of regional cooperation initiatives. In this regard, under our G20 presidency last year, Indonesia also urged the importance of innovative financing in accelerating the SDGs achievement by 2030, through a set of blended finance principles, called "G20 Principles to Scale Up Blended Finance in Developing Countries, including LDCs and Small Island Developing States.

Lastly, we appreciate that The Asia-Pacific Countries with Special Needs Development Report 2023 focuses on the role of transport, energy, and digital connectivity as a catalyst for sustainable development. We firmly believe that the development of seamless and sustainable connectivity in the region is critical for the socio-economic progress of Asia-Pacific countries in special situations.

In conclusion, Indonesia supports the recommendations highlighted in the report and we are ready to share and to work with our fellow Asia-Pacific countries to strengthen regional cooperation for seamless and sustainable connectivity.

I thank you.