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Thank you, Chair

In Southeast Asia, climate change contributes to water scarcity and the declining of agricultural productivity, which further exacerbates the frequency of El Nino cycles in the region.

Thus, at the core of poverty reduction challenge, is the interconnectedness of climate change with food, energy, and water.

Indonesia’s agricultural sector, a key livelihood source, faces vulnerability to climate variability, which in turn impacts food security and exacerbate poverty.
Climate change also threatens access to clean energy and safe water, which are essential for poverty alleviation and human well-being.

In this regard, allow me to highlight two main points.

**First on Energy Transition**, Indonesia encourages a sustainable energy transition to reduce fossil fuel dependence and promote renewable energy sources, by enhancing energy access, affordability, and reliability.

Indonesia faces several barriers in transitioning towards sustainable energy. This includes skill and technological gaps, geographical disparities, and income inequalities.

Therefore, advancing a just energy transition requires a systematic approach to mitigating risk and enhancing opportunities across all areas.

**Second on Water Resources Management**. Indonesia acknowledges the vital role of water in poverty reduction and climate adaptation.

Indonesia have adopted water resources management programs which focus on watershed conservation, irrigation system improvements, and wastewater treatment to enhance water security, protect ecosystems, and build resilience to climate-related challenges.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to announce that Indonesia will be hosting the 10th World Water Forum on 18–25 May 2024 in Bali, the largest international multi-stakeholder meeting in the water sector.

This Forum will shed light on some of the most pressing water issues of our time and aims to provide a platform to discuss and find concrete solutions.

I look forward to welcoming all of you in Bali.

Thank you.