Thank you Chair,

1. Indonesia has mainstreamed the implementation of the Madrid International plan of Action on Ageing (in Asia and the Pacific) through the enactment of the Presidential Regulation No. 88 of 2021 on the National Ageing Strategy, which sets out to develop and focus on the consumption, services and productivity for the older groups in the digital world, especially during the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. National programs to support and improve the wellbeing of older people include the Older People Family Welfare Program providing conditional cash transfer to the elderly; the local community-based social welfare for the elderly (Posyandu Lansia) offering health services; and the Social Rehabilitation Assistance for the Elderly (ATENSI Lanjut) based on family, community and residential-based approach to fulfill the proper needs of the elderly to ensure health, social care, social assistance and accessibility.

3. Currently, statistical data on the elderly is available according to gender, income class level, health and housing obtained through routine survey data collection activities at the household level. However, we are still improving this macro data in order to ensure the assistance distribution based on name and address.

4. The Government is developing the Socio-Economic Registration System (Regsosek) to be implemented at the end of 2022 and 2023. Data collected from this registration system is expected to provide basic data for the distribution of elderly assistance.

5. To ensure access to information, communication and technology for the elderly, strategic actions are needed for partnership with digital-based health services and other digital platforms to provide online-friendly access to the elderly living in remote areas, not only for health consultations but also to fulfil the elderly’s basic needs.

6. Indonesia is committed to going beyond economic growth in achieving welfare and equity as well as accelerating SDGs agenda, with a priority to ensure the social protection of the older population.

Thank you.