Thank you Chair,

1. The Government of Indonesia is firmly committed to ensure the respect, protection and fulfillment of the basic rights of approximately 22.97 million citizens with disabilities through the enactment of the Law No. 8/2016, based on the adoption of the UN Convention of the Rights for Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The law embodies the paradigm shift from a charity-based approach to a rights-based perspective.

2. Furthermore, Indonesia’s Disability Inclusive Development Master Plan, as stipulated in the Government Regulation No. 70/2019 covers 7 (seven) strategic targets, consisting of: data collection and inclusive planning, providing an environment without barriers, protection of rights including political rights and access to justice, empowerment and independence, realization of an inclusive economy for Persons with Disabilities, education and skills, and access to and equitable health services.

3. This Regulation steers the policy to formulate the 25-year long-term Master Plan for Persons with Disabilities (RIPD), the 5-year medium-term National Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities (RANPD) and Sub-National Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities (RADPD), as well as short-term planning for annual programs and activities in Ministries/Agencies, provincial and district/city government.

4. BPS-Statistics Indonesia has contributed in disability data collection by utilizing the Washington Group Short Set in the annual survey, including the National Socio-Economic Survey (Susenas) and the National Labour Force Survey (Sakernas), however these surveys are designed to disaggregate other indicators by disability status.

5. Fully aware of the existing and emerging challenges for the promotion and protection of the rights of Persons with Disabilities, both nationally and regionally, Indonesia is pleased to host the UNESCAP High Level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013 – 2022 in Jakarta on 19 – 21 October 2022.

6. This opportunity to host the Intergovernmental Meeting reaffirms Indonesia’s commitments to accelerate and to re-double our collective efforts on the implementation of the CRPD, the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, the Beijing Declaration including the Action Plan to Accelerate the Implementation of the Incheon Strategy in the Region through sharing experiences and expertise. We would therefore greatly appreciate your kind attendance and active participation in the Meeting and look forward to seeing you in Jakarta in October.

Thank you.