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Your Excellencies, distinguished panelists and participants, ladies and gentlemen.

It's a great honor for me to participate in this subregional dialogue of the 78 Session of the ESCAP and share GTI's experience and perspectives on regional cooperation for advancing sustainable development in the Northeast Asia region.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impose barriers and limitations which demand us to adjust to these realities. Against the challenges, we manage to hold our regular events and provide our member countries with opportunities for exchanges, coordination and sharing best practices in different fields.

Members of the GTI Consultative Commission (CC) during their meeting in November 2021 recognized that “member states continued responding effectively to new COVID-19 outbreaks with appropriate measures”. The Commission also noted that resilient and sustainable post-pandemic recovery is a key priority.

Among other initiatives, the CC Members welcomed the promotion of the 2030 Agenda and the harmonization of green finance instruments verification systems.

Last year, the NEA Policy Dialogue on Sustainable Finance was organized. The Dialogue contributed to sharing of knowledge and experience in developing sustainable finance frameworks and instruments in the region.

Also, in 2021 the newly established NEA Business Association has convened its first regular meeting. The NEA BA is expected to become a platform to develop private sector potential and cooperation and to facilitate B2B and B2G policy dialogues and exchanges. We believe this body would also provide opportunities for practical partnership and contribute to enhancement of the business environment in the NEA.

Strengthening partnership with other international organizations is one of the GTI's strategic objectives. We recognize the importance of intensified interaction and exchanges among cooperation platforms in the region.

In this regard, we strongly welcome joint activities and initiatives with partner organizations in the region, including UNESCAP and its ENEA office.

Earlier this year, the GTI Secretariat and ESCAP ENEA Office discussed and agreed on the cooperation directions and joint activities for the year 2022. Besides traditional joint seminars in transport and trade sectors we also planned several new activities in energy and cross-sectoral fields.

We anticipate further progress in building partnerships and finding new paths of cooperation, resulting in more extensive and specific joint achievements and look forward to further coordination with ESCAP and other regional organizations in this regard.

Finally, I would like to express confidence that this Subregional dialogue will bring about a substantial contribution to advancing sustainable development in the region and wish the 78 Session of the ESCAP to be held successfully throughout the coming days.