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Your Excellencies, Ambassadors, Distinguished Participants,

I am pleased to address you on behalf of the International Federation of Red Cross and
Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and our 53 member societies in Asia Pacific.

As we deliberate on the challenges, gaps and emerging issues in the implementation of
the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, we
acknowledge partnerships are essential to achieving the goals of the Programme of
Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), to ensure
people lead healthy and safe lives, particularly in the context of multifaceted crisis.

As people face increasing complex crisis including the ones caused by climate and
conflicts, the IFRC urges Governments in Asia Pacific to work with their local Red Cross
and Red Crescent Societies through their auxiliary role, to be able to reach vulnerable
people, prepare them to be resilient with crisis and promote inclusion and access to health
services.

Our IFRC network in Asia Pacific has 20 million volunteers, youth members and staff
coming from and within communities and we are committed to working with all partners
to ensure that people can have a healthy and safe lives.

Finally, we have been strengthening our partnerships in the region over many years,
including with Governments, with ASEAN, UNESCAP and other humanitarian and
development partners and we look forward to continuing the collaboration, particularly as
humanitarian needs are increasing. As we all gather for this 7th Asian and Pacific
Population Conference, this is our opportunity to ensure we always act in the interest of vulnerable people and with full respect for fundamental humanitarian principles.

Thank you for your attention and we look forward to our continuous cooperation.