Madam / Mr. Chair,

Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen!

The Government of India recognizes the pivotal role of partnerships and regional cooperation to achieving success in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

In a spirit of cooperation, India is stepping up development partnerships with fellow developing countries through a model of South-South and triangular cooperation, including in partnership with various UN agencies, funds and programme.

One of the critical emphases of the Indian G20 Presidency in 2023 was to voice the needs and perspectives of the Global South in the G20. Development financing, macroeconomic vulnerabilities and maximizing the full potential of digital public infrastructure for achieving inclusive growth are the issues on which India’s priorities have been hoisted.

India is keen to pursue regional cooperation for effective policy making, especially on common population concerns such as trafficking of women and children for sexual exploitation and for labour, hunger and malnutrition and a wide range of other issues are shared priorities for across countries in the Asia and Pacific.

India believe that countries of the region will benefit from regional cooperation by sharing best practices and learning from one another through knowledge exchange and transfer. For instance, India’s experience on addressing the issue of malnutrition by reaching out to 100 million mothers and children through the innovative “Poshan Tracker” governance tool, can be of immense use to many of the Asia-Pacific countries. Through the Poshan Tracker, India has effectively leveraged technology for real-time identification of stunting, wasting, under-weight prevalence among children and last mile tracking of nutrition service delivery.
Let me conclude by saying that India reiterates its support to regional solidarity and cooperation towards an inclusive, innovative and sustainable approach to population and development.

Thank you, Chair.

***