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AGENDA ITEM 5. REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AND ISSUES PERTINENT TO THE SUBSIDIARY STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSION

Environment and Development

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Thank you Chair

Indonesia, as the world's largest archipelagic nation and a megadiverse country, is deeply committed to environmental protection and climate change mitigation.

Recognizing our unique role as a global biodiversity hotspot and carbon sink, we have embedded sustainability at the core of our national development agenda.

Through ambitious policies such as our Enhanced Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), we are accelerating the transition to renewable energy as well as championing blue economy principles for ocean sustainability, and marine ecosystems.

At the same time, we are strengthening climate resilience in vulnerable communities and driving green innovation through partnerships with international stakeholders.

Indonesia firmly believes that environmental sustainability and economic growth must go hand in hand—and we remain steadfast in our commitment to achieving net-zero emissions while ensuring a just and inclusive transition for all.

Within the context UNESCAP, as one of the co-sponsor for voluntary Regional Initiative on Ocean-based Climate Action, Indonesia would express deep appreciation to our other co-sponsor Fiji and Maldives, Secretariat, member states and associate members for its support and contribution for this initiative.

Indonesia would like to highlight that this initiative is part of our contribution to the two recent ESCAP Resolutions on climate action and ocean-based climate action.

We do recognize that Member States may have different capacities and circumstances in implementing specific ocean-based climate actions and therefore reaffirm the voluntary nature of this Initiative which will allow each country, stakeholder, and development partner to pursue the priority areas at a pace and in a manner consistent with their individual circumstances.

While voluntary, we believe that this Initiative would initiate further implementation by strengthening complementarity and partnerships, including through South-South

Cooperation, linking analysis with policy, mobilizing multiple financing sources, and sharing best practices and success stories.

We invite all member States, as well as regional and international partners, including the business sector, research organizations, and others, to work together in solidarity to advance progress in ocean-based climate action.

We also look forward to the continued process and discussion on ocean-based climate action within the Third United Nations Ocean Conference, to be hosted in June 2025 in Nice, France

Thank you, Chair