THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH (78th) SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP)

Theme: A common agenda to advance sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific

Agenda Item 2(b) Subregional Perspectives

INTERVENTION

Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

Bangkok, Wednesday, 25 May 2022, 10:00 - 12:00 (GMT +7)

The document below contains a brief overview of the status of progress in the achievement of the SDGs in each of the five subregions of the Commission, key recommendations from the subregional forums on sustainable developments and opportunities for advancing the Common Agenda in each subregion.

The Commission may wish to take note of the document and provide guidance for the future work of the secretariat.

Reference document: https://unescap.org/sites/default/d8files/event-documents/ESCAP 78 3 E.pdf

Thank you, Chair.

Indonesia continues its effort in building forward better. The President of the Republic of Indonesia has stated that despite the pandemic, our commitment to achieve SDG targets remains unchanged, including to push the 2030 Agenda, which has been mainstreamed in our national development planning.

Since 2021, Indonesia's economy has been recovering. Poverty rate and inequality have been steadily declining.

The SDGs National Coordination Team published the National SDGs Action Plan 2021-2024 in 2021, and organized the SDGs Annual Conference 2021 with a theme of 'Recovery and Resilience: Inclusive Financing for SDGs Achievement'. We also submitted our third Voluntary National Review in 2021 and reviewed the impact of the pandemic on all 17 goals.

In early May 2022, the Ministry of National Planning held the National Development Planning Meeting, which is the highest forum for all levels of development planning agencies – national, provincial, and districts/cities – to discuss and consult on development planning. SDGs, for the first time ever, were given a virtual 'desk' for provinces to discuss their SDGs progress voluntarily. Not only all provinces were in attendance, the 'desk' was assessed as very beneficial. We have no doubt to organize it again in the next year's forum. This will strengthen national and subnational coordination to ensure SDGs achievement.

In the context of ASEAN, both the Complementarities Roadmap and the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework serve as subregional strategies and tools to ensure that the entire South East Asia as a region can achieve SDGs and to recover stronger together. We would also like to share and learn from our counterparts in Asia and the Pacific, to ensure that we all achieve SDGs by 2030.

Indonesia is of the view that there should be a clear continuity between our deliverables during G20 Presidency this year and our ASEAN Chairmanship next year, especially on SDGs-related deliverables. We acknowledge that progress on SDGs requires resolute and consistent efforts.

Indonesia looks forward to deliberating traditional and non-traditional challenges, from Great Powers rivalry to climate change, during our ASEAN Chairmanship. Addressing these challenges will embolden ASEAN Unity and Centrality in facing ever-changing geopolitical and geo-economic realities.

Thank you.

<u>Delivered by:</u>
Mr. Evan Pujonggo
First Secretary
Directorate of Development, Economic, and Environmental Affairs,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs