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Agenda 3: The Entry Areas of the 2019 GSDR and connections with the COVID-19

With appreciation to the chairperson, session speakers and the Secretariat you’re your contributions to today’s meeting, we all know that accelerated implementation of SDGs is important in the decade of action, especially amid the COVID-19 situation. Yet, the key always has been ‘how’ in consideration of changing global, regional and county contexts. I wish that the 6 entry points could play a more constructive role to help address this task. However, in spite of the good presentation before, it is my opinion that the entry points for transformation are felt to many practitioners in the development circle simply as another puzzling ‘theory’ or ‘discourse’ rather than useful policy guidelines or tools.

So, the question is how to improve in the future in order to make entry points as real “accelerators” for the implementation of the SDGs. I believe that entry points and other takeaways of the GSDR 2019 should be reviewed and developed in a more practical and pragmatic way in light of the new development landscape by the Pandemic and post Corona-era.

To conclude, I reiterate that Korea is trying to domestically tackle the pandemic based on the principles of transparency, democracy and openness, and we will continue to support joint efforts by fellow countries and other stakeholders in the region, including the UN-ESCAP in the fight against COVID-19 and other regional challenges.

Thank you. /End/