Honorable Ministers, Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The year 2015 marks an important year, as we reflect back to see almost the end of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and at the same time we are finalizing our work to progress with the Post-2015 for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Indonesia continues to believe that all of the three dimensions of sustainable development and their inter-linkages should be implemented in a balanced and comprehensive manner. We remain committed to place sustainable development strategies into our national medium and long term development plan.

We must continue to build the momentum to taking concrete actions which has direct positive impact to our people. People must be the center of our development agenda. And as our region still face enormous challenge in reducing poverty and ensuring equity growth.

Our Asia Pacific region, has its own characteristic, a diverse region which lies in two great oceans, the Pacific and the Indian oceans. Our region does not only cover a vast area of land but we are also blessed with abundant of marine resources of oceans and seas.

ESCAP being a UN regional commission body can no longer afford to neglect the maritime posture in our region. The marine life of its resources and ecosystem provides an abundant economic and social necessities to millions of lives. And in particular people living in the coastal areas depend heavily on fish stocks and other marine resources.

We are all aware that our seas and oceans plays an important role of our life, unsustainable fishing practices, harms the world fish stock and destroys marine environment and marine ecosystems.
Global and regional efforts need to continue to effectively combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. IUU fishing does not only contribute to overexploitation of fish stocks but it is also a hindrance to the recovery of fish populations and marine ecosystems.

The Sustainable Development Goals in particular Goal 14 on conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development is a testament for this concern.

All of the goals and targets which have been specify in the SDGs are equally important, they represent the international community concerns for present and future generations. Combatting IUU fishing is one example in integrating and implementing the three dimensions of sustainable development. And we would like to have the issue reflected in the Chair’s Summary.

Our region, through this body of UN ESCAP and other related international organizations need to step-up its efforts in strengthening maritime cooperation in a holistic manner.

Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,

In relations to means of implementation for SDGs, financing is one of the critical challenge need to be faced. I have the honor to inform this forum that the Government of Indonesia together with UN ESCAP have recently organized the “Asia-Pacific High-level Consultation on Financing for Development” which was held from 29 to 30 April 2015 in Jakarta.

The aims of the consultation was to assess the progress made in the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and the Doha Declaration, reinvigorate and strengthen the financing for development follow-up process, address new and emerging issues, the current evolving development cooperation landscape, the inter-relationship of all sources of development finance, and also the synergies among financing objectives across the three dimensions of sustainable development.

The summary of the Jakarta meeting proposed tangible and actionable recommendations for mobilizing additional financial resources, improving financial capacities, and developing innovative instruments to support the emerging sustainable development goals
in the region. And that the outcome of the Jakarta consultations will then be inputs to the 
upcoming global conference on financing for development in Addis Ababa, July this year.

Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,

Indonesia will continue to contribute actively in finalizing the discussions of Sustainable 
Development Goals in New York this year.

In setting up the tone right for crafting our future ahead with the goals and targets for 
SDGs, my delegation believes it is important that SDGs be communicated easily to our societies 
and the need for much more stakeholder engagement.

We would also like to underscore the importance of a monitoring framework for the goals 
and targets and with an integrated review mechanism.

In concluding my remarks, Indonesia emphasizes the need for practical and concrete 
actions needed in integrating the three dimensions of sustainable development. We all have a 
role to play, the greater concerted efforts in our region the greater we will build a better future for 
our world and together with the people of Asia and the Pacific region.

Thank you.