Statement of Islamic Republic of Iran
On action plan to strengthen regional cooperation
On social protection in Asian-Pacific

The Islamic Republic of Iran is well known country in social protection in Asian – Pacific. Iran has been planning to strengthening social security with attention on needs of poor people. Supporting of the most vulnerable population is priority of government, welfare organization, some Ministries and also Imam Khomeini foundation.

Numerous natural and human disasters and their far-reaching consequences, make very essential to work on strengthening resilient societies. Corona virus pandemic made clear that resilience is one of the greatest national challenges in recent decade. Since the beginning of the coronavirus crisis in early 2020, Iran like many other countries suddenly faced the challenge of providing medical supplies and equipment outbreak to prevent the prevalence and treatment of the disease. The unilateral coercive measures (UCMs) by US have negatively affected the process of managing and combating the prevalence and control of coronavirus and public health in Iran.

The devastating impacts of Unilateral of Coercive Measures on Iran's economy and society increase pressure on Iranian citizen particularly poor and fragile populations. UCM have an undeniable impact on human rights as they impede the full realization of social and economic development and hinder the well-being of the population in the affected countries, in particular women, children, including adolescents, the elderly, persons with disabilities and labors.

We reiterate social protection framework should promote regional and international collaboration and cooperation with respective to principle of national ownership and governance each member state. In this context monitoring and reporting of social protection indicators are inherent responsibilities of governments.

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