Mr. Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

Thank you for this opportunity to address you on behalf of my country, Timor-Leste, in order to submit to your consideration a minor amendment to paragraph 2 of Part IIA of the Road map.

This paragraph states that "the road map places particular emphasis on supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by developing countries, in particular by least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and other countries with special needs".

We would like to propose adding the words "countries in conflict situations and post-conflict countries" after "small island developing States".

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to explicitly recognise the specific challenges of those countries in the Asia Pacific region which are affected by conflict and post-conflict situations, such as my own country, Timor-Leste.

The words "countries in conflict situations and post-conflict countries" have been specifically selected to mirror the terminology used in paragraph 22 of the 2030 Agenda. We believe that the Regional Road map should be aligned with the 2030 Agenda in explicitly recognising the challenges specific to these countries.

I hope that this proposed amendment will be considered favourably by the distinguished Delegates.

Thank you very much.