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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat, Division for Sustainable Development, and with reference to the Note Verbale of the Secretariat reference: DESA-09/0314, dated 6 March 2009, requesting the Government's view on the possibility of convening a high-level event on sustainable, has the honor to submit the Government of the Republic of Indonesia's view as follows:

- a. The Government of Indonesia is fully committed to realizing sustainable development. Nonetheless, the focus of sustainable development remains limited and its interpretation is still confined to the environmental pillar. Meanwhile poverty continues to be pervasive throughout the world. The high-level event should therefore ensure that poverty eradication is a key in fully realizing the concept of sustainable development and equal emphasis should be put on the economic, social and environmental dimensions;
- b. Since the Stockholm Conference on the Environment in 1972 and the inception of Agenda 21 at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992, there have been tremendous efforts to ensure the protection of the environment and implement the concept of sustainable development. Despite the efforts, environmental degradation continues with troubling trends. Much of the environmental degradation is happening in developing countries that lack institutional and human capacity, financing and technology. Renewed commitment towards partnerships in these areas is critical to realizing Agenda 21 in developing countries;
- c. Considering the multifaceted and interconnected nature of the global food, energy and economic crisis as well as climate change, it would be an opportune time to emphasize a sustainable development perspective stressing the economic as well as social and environmental response. Environmental pressures and the multiple crises compel us to take decisive action and depart from the business-as-usual attitude. It is an imperative to revitalize the implementation of sustainable development and go for "green growth". In 2012, measures should be taken to launch global momentum for a green development paradigm;
- d. The conference could also be seized as an opportunity to discuss the improvement of the coordination between international organizations and MEAs. The need to conclude the debate on international environmental governance on sustainable

development is an important element to be considered. Forty years after the Stockholm Conference on Environment where UNEP was created, there is an opportunity to seek political impetus from the highest level for a strengthened international institutional structure for environmental governance during the ten year review of the Summit of Sustainable Development in 2012;

- e. The High Level Conference in 2012 would allow for an analysis on how the Rio Conventions are being implemented, how to solve any implementation gaps and how to address and ensure adequate and predictable financial resources for the implementation of those Rio Conventions. For the UNFCCC, 2012 will mark the end of the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol and the launch of the new climate cooperation framework. This will be a timely occasion for reviewing its fulfillment and renewing further commitment to safeguard our planet from the challenges posed by climate change;
- f. Based on the above mentioned considerations, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia welcomes the convening of the high level event on sustainable development and will contribute constructively in this important undertaking to ensure its successful outcome.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Secretariat, Division for Sustainable Development, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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