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Mr. President,

Allow me to highlight some pertinent points for SDGs implementation. In the interest of time, I will not elaborate issues that Indonesia has raised during our VNR presentation.

First, poverty eradication and prosperity enhancement need to address two interconnected aspects, namely, improving the quality of human resources and enhancing opportunities for sustainable livelihood. It should also be supported by enabling environment, including gender equality and partnership.

Second, while we have made much progress, more remains to be done. While our poverty rate is decreasing, its pace has flattened during the last 3 years. At the heart of this challenge is multidimensional poverty, which requires intervention beyond economic growth.

This leads to my **third** point, that we need to be aware of the interlinkages of issues. As an example, for an archipelagic nation as Indonesia, sustainable use of marine resources and environmental protection are closely related to poverty eradication. That is why we are tackling seriously the issue of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. In this regard, we are heartened that this year, the UN accords special attention to SDG 14 – both at this Forum and the recent Ocean Conference.

Fourth, inclusive implementation is fundamental. Indonesia has advanced this based on the principles of mutual trust, participation, transparency and accountability. The Presidential Decree on SDGs Implementation mandates the incorporation of four participation platforms, namely, the Government, CSOs, business, and academics.

Finally, strengthened global partnership for means of implementation is key. Indonesia stands ready to contribute through our South-South and Triangular Cooperation programs:

Mr. President,

The discussions in this Forum highlights the urgency to act coherently at national, regional and global levels, together among all stakeholders. The good news is that we already have the framework, namely the HLPF and the VNR. Our task now is to ensure that this framework can serve effectively as the follow up and review mechanism of the 2030 Agenda.

This means our deliberations must lead to concrete actions. This also means the HLPF must connect meaningfully with other international

processes. The ultimate goal is to support countries in their national implementation, based on their actual needs. So that all countries can progress together, and no one is left behind.

Thank you.

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