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Excellencies,

- 1. The remaining time that we have to achieve the SDGs targets by 2030 is less than 9 years.
- 2. The COVID-19 pandemic that affects the whole word has further complicated the attainment of the SDGs targets.
- 3. In fact, many of our advances so far, have been undermined due to the pandemic.
 - → 255 million people in the world have lost their jobs;
 - → 110 million people in the world have slid back into poverty; and
 - → All over the world, 83 to 132 million people are at risk of hunger and malnutrition.
- 4. In such a difficult situation, business as usual cannot continue.
- 5. Cooperation and solidarity must be intensified, and innovation must be enhanced.
- 6. No country can progress, until all countries progress.
- 7. Therefore, I wish to share a few thoughts:
- 8. First, we must enable the world's quick recovery from the pandemic.
- 9. Vaccines are our hope to accelerate the world's exit out of this health crisis.
- 10. Fair and equitable access to vaccines must be guaranteed.
- 11. But until now we are witnessing how the gap in vaccine access is still very wide.
- 12. Vaccines as a global public good must not remain merely a slogan.
- 13. Indonesia encourages all of us to
 - Accelerate realization of access to vaccines for all countries, including through dose-sharing through the COVAX Facilities;
 - Meet the funding need for multilateral vaccine schemes;

- Increase global vaccine production, including through the TRIPS waiver.
- Strengthen global vaccine supply chain, including removing export barriers and obstacles to vaccine raw materials; and
- Increase diversification and volume of vaccine production, including in developing countries.

14. Second, we must enhance focus and assistance to vulnerable groups.

- 15. Due to the slowdown in economic activities, all segments of the society have been impacted by the pandemic, especially the vulnerable groups.
- 16. As such, social security and protection is an important part of the pandemic recovery effort.
- 17. In Indonesia, we have allocated \$28.5 billion for social assistance. No less than 9.8 million micro enterprises have received assistance to sustain their businesses.

18. Third, the world economy must recover together.

- 19. Several countries in the world have recorded positive growth.
- 20. However, it will only be meaningful if it occurs simultaneously.
- 21. The world economy must start rolling together without compromising the health aspect.
- 22. Acceleration of economic recovery must be carried out while prioritizing health and sustainable development.
- 23. Going forward, we must encourage investment in resilient, just and green recovery. A resilient, just and green recovery.
- 24. The support of developed countries to green economic transition in developing countries must be strengthened.
- 25. More sustainable, inclusive, and pro-poor development must be the underlying principles.

26. Finally, global partnership must be strengthened.

- 27. In the current situation, commitments in partnership must be enhanced.
- 28. The principle of "no one left behind" must be realized in a concrete manner.
- 29. We must be committed to avoid "me-first policy".

- 30. Let us build trust and solidarity to achieve common goals.
- 31. This spirit will also be carried by Indonesia to the G20 Indonesia Presidency next year, with the theme of "**Recover Together, Recover Stronger**".
- 32. This vision will promote the spirit of global collective leadership to recover from the pandemic and inclusive global growth.

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- 33. To conclude, Indonesia's commitment to the SDGs does not falter despite the pandemic.
- 34. In this forum, we are presenting our third Voluntary National Review on the SDGs achievements.
- 35. We hope that Indonesia's VNR can contribute to the world to build a stronger collective recovery so that the world can attain a much better future, build forward better.
- 36. Thank you.

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