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Mr. Chairman,

Allow me at the outset to congratulate you and the members of the CSD 12 bureau for your unanimous election. My delegation convinced that under your able guidance and leadership, we will be able to produce essential outcomes to promote further implementation of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation. My delegation also wishes to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation to the Secretary-General and the Division on Sustainable Development for their commendable work in preparing this meeting and providing us with comprehensive reports on the overview of progress achieved in implementing the Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, including those of the sectoral thematic issues. My delegation wishes to associate itself to the statement delivered by the Chairman of the G-77 and China.

Mr. Chairman,

Indonesia considers that CSD12 provides crucial opportunity for the international community to assess and review the status of comprehensive implementation of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, particularly on the thematic issues of water, sanitation and human settlement. We are also of the view that our deliberations at this meeting also serves as an essential global forum to promote and enhance international cooperation including partnerships to translate all commitments and pledges during the World Summit on Sustainable Development into concrete actions.

Our deliberation at the CSD is also essential to keep the political momentum at the highest level alive. My delegation wishes to encourage the United Nations funds and programme to champion the implementation of the internationally agreed development targets and goals through keeping public awareness and further develop concrete initiatives and welcomes concrete initiatives undertaken by a number of United Nations agencies as highlighted by the Secretary General in his report.
My delegation is also of the opinion that each country has their own obligations and commitments to implement sustainable development agenda and to achieve the internationally agreed development goals and objectives. Furthermore, the role of the international community particularly the developed countries and international organizations is very critical to support the developing countries in term of providing financial resources, environmentally sound technology and capacity building, as part of their international responsibility in this regard.

Mr. Chairman,

The development of conducive international enabling environment is of critical importance to promote the achievement of sustainable development objectives. An urgent action also required to promote international economic growth, to boost foreign direct investment, provide greater market access to export products from developing countries, increase the Official Development Assistance level so as to reach the United Nations’ ODA target as well as the mobilization of additional financial resources particularly through the mobilization of innovative financial resources. Concrete measures should also be urgently undertaken in providing technology support and capacity building within the framework of paragraphs 105 and 127 of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation. Ways to materialize them in concrete terms should be further promoted through concrete activities and development cooperation initiative including through partnership cooperation.

Mr. Chairman,

Allow me also to briefly elaborate the implementation of the WSSD outcomes at the national level. Indonesia has completed its national process in identifying and developing its national sustainable development priorities through the convening of the Indonesian Summit on Sustainable Development (ISSD). Such process has adopted a national consensus and national plan of action on sustainable development, which provide guidance to all stakeholders including, in particular, the Government Agencies
at central and local levels in achieving targets and goals as sets out in the Millennium Development Goals and Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

In addition of national plan of action that cover priority actions on poverty reduction, good governance and improving civil society involvement, education, water resource, energy and mineral resources, health, agriculture, biodiversity and promoting sustainable consumption and production pattern, the Government has also put in place number of legislations, institutional mechanisms and initiatives to implement its commitment to achieve sustainable development objectives. Indonesia also submitted its national report on three sectoral thematic issues to the United Nations Secretariat that identifies a number concrete activities, achievements, lessons learned and impediments in implementing sustainable development agendas on those three thematic issues.

Furthermore, my delegation is also pleased to inform the meeting concerning the active role of Indonesia in promoting the development 10 year programme on sustainable consumption and production pattern by organizing a regional workshop in Indonesia last year. Indonesia also stands ready to work with the international community to develop a strategic plan on technology support and capacity building for the developing countries on environmental dimension of sustainable development within the framework of activities undertaken by United Nations Environment Programme.

To conclude, my delegation considers the critical role of this session to provide elements to be further developed as policy recommendations in the next policy session. We should also be able to ensure that such policy recommendations take into account the national and regional priorities and characteristics means of implementation, as well as new and emerging issues in the implementation of sustainable development agendas.

Thank you.