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**Statement on inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues
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Mr. Chairperson;

The delegation of the Republic of Korea would like to take this opportunity to point out that a National Sustainable Development Strategy is a very effective tool to manage sustainable development issues in an integrated way and to realize international commitments for sustainable development. It is also a vital mechanism to reinforce governance and build partnerships at all levels.

Recognizing its importance, the Republic of Korea took the lead in developing its own National Sustainable Development Strategy in Asia and has been implementing it since 2006.

For the first time in the region, the Presidential Commission on Sustainable Development of the Republic of Korea organized the Shared Learning and Review of its Strategy, in cooperation with the UNDSO, in Seoul this March. 8 countries from the region, including China, India, Japan,

Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, actively participated in the process and shared experiences and lessons learned in the Strategy development process, implementation and monitoring, with about 100 local key stakeholders.

The peer countries could identify good practices from the Korean experiences that could be applied to other countries, as well as challenges and explore the ways to overcome them. We will use the valuable recommendations made by the peer countries to improve our Strategy and its implementation.

We are convinced that this mutual learning and review process is very useful to expand the national sustainable development strategies in other countries. It can also contribute to reinforcing international cooperation and building involved countries' public sector capacity for integrated planning and coordination of sustainable development policies.

Therefore, we are strongly committed to expanding the mutual learning and review process through international cooperation.

As one of the ways to concretize this commitment, we are organizing a side event on shared learning and review experiences in Asia and Europe with the Belgian government on May 7.

Together with this, I would like to propose to the UNCSD to expand this shared learning and review exercise in Asia and the Pacific and we would be very happy to join the efforts of the UNCSD in this regard.

Thank you.