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***Thank you Madame Chair,
Excellencies, Distinguished Participants***

Indonesia appreciates ESCAP for the excellent work and for the comprehensive report on leveraging digital innovation for sustainable development.

And we note the recommendations put forth on how to address the challenges through leveraging digital innovation

Cross-border is one of the keys for regional development and fostering digital connectivity to address the digital divide within and among countries.

Realizing the importance of regional **as well as sub-regional** cooperation for digital transformation, we believe that... an integrated digital roadmap can effectively facilitate technological and policy exchanges to harness country-specific potentials & harmonize existing initiatives such as in the ASEAN region.

In September of last year, during Indonesia's chairmanship, **the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement** was LAUNCHED

The framework aims to develop a modern, comprehensive, and coherent digital transformation strategy towards an ASEAN Digital Economy, where a seamless and secure flow of goods, services, and data is underpinned by enabling rules, regulation, infrastructure, and talent.

Realizing the collective goals to leverage digital innovation in the Asia Pacific region, Indonesia appreciates ESCAP's initiatives on the framework for digital innovation and sustainable development.

We hope the framework would include measures such as:

- Facilitate technology and knowledge transfer among member countries
- Provide capacity building for the development, implementation, and leveraging of digital innovation
- Generate discussions on exploring innovative and scaling up existing financing mechanisms

- Initiate strategies to increase funding and financing on R&D activities
- Develop a sustainable digital innovation ecosystem involving multi-stakeholders
- Ensuring meaningful participation and involvement of all communities and groups, including persons with disabilities and older people.

Indonesia looks forward to collaborating with UN-ESCAP in addressing these important measures.

Finally,

We stand ready to support and actively participate in the partnership and cooperation for digital transformation in the Asia Pacific region, thus... ensure no one is left behind.

Thank you Madame Chair...