First of all, representing the Indonesian Delegates, allow me to Madame Chair for being selected as the Chair of the Committee of the Whole II of this Session. My Delegates are really happy with this, and do hope that the review of substantive issues within this Committee would be successful under your chairmanship.

Responding to the Report given by the GC of APC-ICT on its seventh session, the Indonesian Delegates would like to express their gratitude and high appreciation for the hard-working and very good achievements of APC-ICT as well as the GC of APC-ICT in helping member countries in implementing and utilizing ICT for development.

In this opportunity, my Delegates would also like to highlight some of the achievements, outcomes and impacts of APC-ICT’s programmes on the member countries, specifically on capacity building programmes of Indonesia. The first is the flagship programme: "the Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders". There have been many countries which find the workshops and significant use of the training programmes undertaken by APC-ICT and utilize APC-ICT training modules to develop training programmes and higher education programmes in their own countries. Indonesia, for instance, has utilized the training modules to develop a basic training programme for government officials who will be assigned as government CIO in his/her institution, and to develop a kind of standard of competence of CIO.
This training has been conducted since 2010 in order to support the implementation of the 2007 Ministerial Decree on IT Governance. In addition, some of the prominent Indonesian Universities have also utilized the modules to develop curriculum of master programme in Government - CIO and/or IT Management. All of these certainly indicate how significant the impact of APC-ICT programme is to the member countries as well as indicate how the very good partnership developed by APC-ICT with the member countries results in.

Secondly, the APC-ICT Virtual Academy. This online distance learning platform of the Academy is certainly helpful for government institutions in any countries which has limited resources to develop workshop and training programmes to build and to increase the capacity of government officials in utilizing ICT for development. This platform has inspired some countries, including Indonesia, to develop e-learning system for capacity building programme for local government officials.

Finally, the Primer Series, titled “An Introduction to APC-ICT for Development”. This newest publication has hopefully can provide additional information to students at undergraduate and graduate levels about the linkage of ICT and development. This series will certainly become an important information and learning resource for students as the future leaders in their own countries.

As to all of those, my Delegates came to a very deep impression that APC-ICT has played a significant role as an ICT training institution in the Region, and my dear colleague Director of APC-ICT Dr. Rhee has performed his tasks and duties at his best as expected by member countries.

I thank you, and the QC.

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