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General Statement of the Secretary General on the Policy Debate Ministerial Segment

Madame Executive Secretary of UNESCAP,
Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies Asia and Pacific Transport Ministers,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, on behalf of the Government of Indonesia, I would like to convey our congratulations to ..........., for your election as Chairman of the Third Session of the UNESCAP Ministerial Conference on Transport. We are confident that under your wise leadership, the meeting will achieve beneficial results for the transportation development in Asia Pacific Region.

In this opportunity, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Government of the Russian Federation for the hospitality and warmest welcome rendered to us since our arrival in this historic city of Moscow.

My sincere appreciation also goes to the UNESCAP Secretariat, for the excellent work in the preparation of the meeting and the documents which have been discussed here since the convening of the Senior Officials Meeting in the last 3 days and to be continued to the segment of Ministerial Meeting.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the Chairman and the Office Bureau of the Senior Officials meeting who have worked hard in the preparation of draft report of the Senior Officials Meeting which has been very useful for our discussion today.
Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

As all of us have known, transport infrastructures and services never end in themselves. They are the expression of our needs to connect with different countries but most importantly with other people. On that account, transport sector becomes the key factor for the growth of one country’s economy.

Acknowledging the major role of transportation for the economy and social opportunities, the Government of Indonesia gives the utmost priority to transportation development. Various policies have been formulated and implemented to accelerate the development and to improve performance and services in transportation sector by enhancing transportation infrastructure to be most convenient and safe.

Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The last Ministerial Conference on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific held in Bangkok on March 2012 adopted the Ministerial Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, and Regional Action Program (RAP) for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, Phase II (2012-2016). The Government of Indonesia fully supports the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Development in the Asia and the Pacific, Phase I (2017-2021) to be adopted in this Ministerial Conference.

Please let me inform you that Indonesia has also been continuing to implement some activities under RAP II such as constructing and expanding roads and railways lines, improving ports and dry ports, developing runways and terminals in several airports, improving and campaigning for road safety, as well as improving integrated intermodal transport and logistics system.
Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the largest archipelagic country, we realize that we are facing a number of challenges on how to concurrently develop a well integrated intermodal transport and logistics system while at the same time to continuously make efforts to develop an effective and efficient integrated intermodal transport. This is the way to reaffirm our commitment to implement Asian Highway Network, Trans Asian Railway Network, and other transport infrastructures in the region, which are paramount to foster economic growth and regional development.

Indonesia would like to share some points on Indonesia's initiatives to enhance transport networks and advance measures to promote regional development growth. The National Medium Term Development Plan included a substantial portion of Public Private Partnerships as financing modalities of developing infrastructure.

Indonesia is also of the view on the development of maritime connectivity as part of its continuation of global Trans-Asian transport innovations strategy. Indonesia attaches great importance on the vital role of transportation in succeeding the efforts to achieve the goals of sustainable and inclusive development of national and regional level.

Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Regarding the issue on sustainable transport, several initiatives have been implemented in Indonesia, such as Wheel-Based Mass Rapid Transit/Bus Rapid Transit, Urban Railway Revitalization, Intelligent Transport System
(ITS), encouragement of the use of non-motorized vehicles, and also dissemination to raise awareness of sustainable transport. Indonesia has also implemented the programs of Eco Airport and Eco Port to support environmental sustainability.

In accordance to the proposition of raising awareness for sustainable transport, I would like to inform you that Indonesia will host the 4th Meeting of the Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM) Transport Ministers Meeting on September 2017. This meeting will uphold the theme “Bridging Europe-Asia through Integrated Transport Connectivity – Synergizing Regional Strategic Plan: Towards Modernized Transport Connectivity and Greener Urban Transport” to promote the effort to modernize and strengthen transport connectivity in Asia and Europe. We hope this upcoming event will further contribute to the realization of a more sustainable connectivity.

Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

To improve road safety, the Government of Indonesia has been continuing to implement the 5 (five) pillars, namely: safer traffic management, safer roads, safer people, safer vehicles and post-accidents treatments which stipulated in the Presidential Instruction on Implementation of Decade of Action for Road Safety. As a progress, the Government of Indonesia has implemented several programs such as Safety School Zones, The Best Public Transport Driver Award (AKUT), and Public Transport Ramp Check.

Indonesia greatly wishes that UNESCAP will continue and further improve the development of all programs and activities within its strategic framework. Furthermore, we also wish that UNESCAP will consider all the needs of its member countries in order to facilitate all stakeholders to harmoniously coordinate with one another.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and distinguished delegates for your kind attention.