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Excellencies,

1. I thank the President of ECOSOC and the UN Secretary-General for convening the HLPF 2021 on Sustainable Development despite the challenging time. It is my great honour to present Indonesia's third Voluntary National Review.
2. Like other countries, Indonesia has been seriously affected by the pandemic. Many development achievements were hampered and even reversed. Many more existing development challenges became more complex, such as efforts to localize SDGs, widened SDGs financing gap, and data collection. Nevertheless, we stand ready to roll up our sleeves and build forward better.
3. Our focus for the 2021 VNR is the interlinkages among the nine Goals under review, and our efforts to rise against the pandemic. Four systematic reforms, namely, on **social protection, national health system, disaster resilience, and recovery of industry, tourism, and investment towards the green economy, supported by low-carbon development**, have been implemented to ensure SDGs implementation remains on track.

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4. Allow me to elaborate more on the aforementioned four systematic reforms.
5. Our **social protection system reform** is conducted by strengthening the National Social Security System for health and employment, enhancing integrated services, improving the targeting of poverty alleviation programs, and increasing social welfare for vulnerable groups.

6. To control the virus transmission, Indonesia continually improves pandemic countermeasures, including by accelerating mass COVID-19 vaccination in order to achieve herd immunity by the first quarter of 2022.
7. **The second reform on national health system** covers eight main aspects, namely: strengthening health workers' education and placement; strengthening primary health care; improving the capacity of hospitals and health services in isolated, border and small island areas; increasing the country's independence in pharmaceuticals and medical equipment; strengthening health security and resilience; disease control and immunization; increasing the effectiveness of health financing; and advancing information technology, digitization and community empowerment, including through the Healthy Life Style Community Movement.
8. The pandemic is also a momentum to **strengthen disaster resilience system**. This includes low-carbon development and climate resilience, with specific strategies for disaster resilience as well as prevention, preparedness and early warning response for communicable diseases.
9. Finally, **economic recovery reform** was conducted by promoting an inclusive economy through sustainable investment, innovative financing, sustainable tourism, Micro Small Medium Enterprises, digital technology, creative economy, as well as sustainable production and consumption through circular economy.
10. Through such efforts, we aim to preserve national economic growth targets while promoting environmental sustainability. Combined with government stimulus policy, a full package of national economic recovery has enabled Indonesia to have a relatively soft landing in economic downturn and comparatively **mild recession** than many other countries.
11. In undertaking those reforms, **integration of the economic, social, and environmental dimensions is key**. It serves as the basis for redesigning strategies and policies to build forward better. The Indonesian development agenda is expected to drive the achievement of the 2030 Agenda as well as Indonesia's Vision 2045 to become a high-income nation.

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12. **We have now embarked upon a pivotal decade**. The Government of Indonesia certainly cannot work alone and looks forward to collaborate with all stakeholders to achieve the 2030 Agenda, as well as recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.
13. Such an inclusive approach was exemplified in our VNR formulation process. Not only was our VNR formulated with active involvement of all stakeholders, including **the Parliament, CSOs, think tanks, and philanthropies**, it was also reviewed by the **Supreme Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia** to assure its quality. This practice became a corner stone of constructive

collaboration between the government and the audit institution to enhance transparency and accountability in SDGs implementation.

14. It is my fervent hope that Indonesia's third VNR report may serve a reference for the global community to attain the 2030 Agenda amid the pandemic. To that end, Indonesia will continue international collaboration in navigating this pandemic and promoting recovery thereafter.
15. Let us ensure that the 2021 HLPF becomes an occasion where countries join hands to recommit and reinforce our shared promise to achieve 2030 Agenda.
16. **"We don't grow when things are easy; we grow when we face challenges together".**

Thank you.

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