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Mr. Chair,

Let me begin by congratulating you and members of the Bureau on your elections.

I also thank the United Nations for providing us with a comprehensive set of reports.

I align this statement with that delivered by Egypt on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. Chair,

Our time is an era of unprecedented human mobility, as there are more than 244 million migrants in the world today. More and more people leave their homes in search of better lives, either within their countries' boundaries or beyond.

Understanding the multi-dimensional nature of migration, notably its impact on population and environment, challenges of urban growth as an effect of internal and international human mobility must be addressed appropriately.

As in other developing countries, Indonesia experiences significant impact of human mobility. Our rate of urbanization has been predicted to reach 68% by 2025, due to the rapid movement of people from rural to urban areas and administrative changing of areas from rural to urban.

In efforts to increase cities' sustainability in embracing migrants' inflow, Indonesia welcome the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that strive to making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. Along this line, Indonesia is mindful of the importance of aligning the New Urban Agenda and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction into our urban development programs.

I would like to share our several progresses at national level.

First, to reduce urbanization, we promote rural development by introducing the "Grand Design for Population Development" which are nationally implemented at the district level. Furthermore, we allocate special budget called "Village Funds" to expedite infrastructure and human resource

development in villages, which are aimed at stimulating job creation and economic growth.

Second, we have created index for population-centred development, to ensure that people can benefit from development.

Third, Indonesia has integrated disaster risk reduction programs to increase urban resilience. This program include micro-zoning based on detailed disaster risk analysis and climate projection, financing framework that promotes risk-sensitive urban development, urban upgrading and ecosystem restoration.

Mr. Chair,

While recognizing the positive contribution of human mobility towards the inclusive growth and sustainable development, Indonesia reiterates the importance of relevant UN entities to continue assisting member states to better prepare themselves in responding to various population dynamics.

There are several areas that Indonesia suggests the UN should focus on:

Firstly, assisting the development and improvement of migration data, as a key component in evidence-based decision making, with special attention on the booming number of young and productive generation.

Secondly, facilitating transfer of technology and innovation, especially in the production of remote sensing and satellite imaging infrastructure in order to produce migration footprint and map out on the field resources, which are beneficial in designing spatial plan and proper development.

And **lastly**, helping states in designing national development agenda that can further capitalize the role of migrants as “agent of development”, which should include programs to empower migrant workers and their families in order to develop their own lives and contribute to local economy. In this regards, the protection and promotion of the rights of migrants, particularly migrant workers, are fundamental in attaining sustainable development goals.

In closing, I would like to reiterate Indonesia's full commitment to engage in the 51th session of the CPD, as well as the ongoing negotiation of Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, in a positive and constructive manner.

I thank you very much.