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How can We Build More Equal Partnership

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Mr. Moderator,

Accountable and transparent development cooperation is important for effective development. The Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness is one such mechanism that can build effective development partnership.

For Indonesia the concept of aid effectiveness has become an important anchor in managing the foreign assistance. This has become more evident with decreasing ODA, especially since we graduated to become a middle-income country.

The Government of Indonesia has translated the Paris Declaration into a national commitment called Jakarta Commitment on Aid Effectiveness implemented since 12 January 2010. The Jakarta Commitments focuses on three pillars: First, strengthening country ownership through strengthening capacity and using stronger government system, and) improving governance of aid and strengthening south-south cooperation; Second, Building more inclusive and effective partnership for development through; and Third, Delivering and Accounting for Development Result through.

The implementation of Jakarta Commitment is aimed to strengthen the accountability and transparency of aid management. Important targets that we hope to achieved through the Jakarta Commitment among others are to provide a clearer picture on the ODA supported programme as well as measuring the effectiveness of ODA support program; Provide a more

accurate alignment of Development Partner Country Programme's with the national Development Planning that will also link to the better coordination in order to avoid duplication of projects implementation; strengthen communication among government agencies, development partners, and between the Government and development partners as well as with other stakeholders such as research institutions, local government, civil society and private sectors.

Mainstreaming Aid effectiveness in the development cooperation has been an important milestone in building an equal partnership among parties in Indonesia. Its implementation has proven a greater role for the government to improve itself to be more accountable and transparent while also facing and handling several obstacles together.

Based on Indonesia experiences, the Jakarta Commitment has supported the development of medium term development plan as well as pushing the development partners to alignment and in line with national priorities and systems.

While ODA in Indonesia is only 5% of the total budget development national budget, the government still considers development assistance as important. It is therefore important to improve its system to be aligned with the international standard as well as to strengthen its national regulations based on the international best practice.

Following this achievement, the Government is also considering on shifting its paradigm related to the aid effectiveness. While Indonesia has for years, been a recipient country of ODA, through South-South cooperation, the government is repositioning itself to be an emerging development partner for other developing countries.

Finally, we view that development requires commitment toward an equal and effective partnership of both donors and recipient. We welcome this forum that we believe present a significant opportunity to share our believe, trust and gesture of friendship as part of our commitment to sustain the coordination and harmonization in building more accountable and transparent development cooperation.

Thank you.