Intervention by Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia 1st Informal Consultation on the Ministerial Declaration of the 2025 High-level Segment of the ECOSOC and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

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Thank you, Chair,

- 1. At the outset, Indonesia congratulates the Permanent Representatives of the Czech Republic and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for the appointment as the cofacilitators of this important process.
- 2. We align ourselves with the intervention delivered by Iraq on behalf of the G77 and China and wishes to add the following points in our national capacity, in response to the guiding questions.
- 3. We believe that **poverty eradication and inequality** remain the greatest <u>challenges to progress on the SDGs</u>.
- 4. And we believe that **closing the SDGs financing gap** is key to turbocharge SDGs implementation.
- 5. Therefore, inclusive development which fosters economic participation, supported with international partnership should always be at the forefront of our efforts.
- 6. With regards to the <u>impactful solutions to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs</u>, Indonesia believes that **generating actions that interlink across the SDGs** are important. These should cover among others:
 - → Promoting gender sensitive policies, investing in education and human capital development, advancing inclusive digital transformation, encouraging public-private partnerships, supporting social enterprises, and establishing better social protection systems.
- 7. Furthermore, we also emphasize several priority actions for the SDGs in focus:
 - a. On SDG 3, promoting maternal and child health, disease prevention, clean water and sanitation, and access to healthcare through free nutritious meal program and free health screening initiative, also strengthening regional health responses through data driven policies and digital health tools.
 - b. On SDG 5, incorporating gender-responsive policies into national and local planning, providing financial access to women entrepreneurs, increasing digital literacy for

- women-led business, as well as efforts to encourage equal job opportunities and addressing wage gaps.
- c. On SDG 8, reskilling and upskilling programs and youth empowerment, creating an enabling environment and employment opportunities in green industries, strengthening MSMEs access and business opportunities.
- d. On SDG 14, promoting blue economy, balancing economic growth, environmental protection, and social inclusion, including though marine protected areas, sustainable fisheries, and marine debris management.
- e. On SDG 17, fulfilment of developed countries' financing commitment, enhancing multi-stakeholder partnerships, and strengthening North-South, South-South, triangular and regional cooperation in support of developing countries, particularly on financing schemes, capacity building, knowledge sharing, technical and technological assistance, and digital transformation.
- 8. Last but not least, on <u>the voluntary national reviews</u>, my delegation reiterates that the process **should not only be a beauty contest**, but also a tool for action, learning, and transformation.
- 9. It should **ensure a follow-up mechanism** to address the challenges and enhance partnerships in ensuring means of implementation.
- 10. Indonesia will present its fourth VNR this year, and we hope to contribute towards the discussion.
- 11. Before I conclude, my delegation wishes to underline that the Ministerial Declaration should also touch on the importance of **reform of the multilateral system**, from strengthening the UN development system itself to realigning the international financial architecture to support the global sustainable development agenda.
- 12. At the same time, the Ministerial Declaration could lay a steppingstone towards shaping the future we want, **beyond 2030**.
- 13. Indonesia wishes to reiterate the importance of reaching consensus and maintaining the spirit of multilateralism throughout the negotiations and the adoption of the Ministerial Declaration.
 - → My delegation believes in your able leadership, cofacilitators, and you have Indonesia's full support.

Thank you.