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Excellencies, Honorable Chairman, Secretary-General,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me at the outset, to express my appreciation for the arrangements and the hard works of the ITU and all its collaborators in convening this very important and timely meeting. The rapid development and acceleration of ICT ecosystem have brought us to the era of digital age. In which, our lives and the life of humanity and global civilization are very much determined by our prompt response towards the progress of ICT. Today's WSIS Forum would be critically affecting the face of ICT ecosystem inroad to the future.

Indonesia firmly believes that the finest ICT ecosystem should be based upon working principles. The global ICT community embraces the principles such as people-centered, inclusive, transparent, equal and beneficial for all mankind. This is the essence of development-oriented information society. Along with the effective and affordable ICT ecosystem, our works in WSIS and others venues would contribute positively to the achievement of Post 2015 Development Agenda that sets the ambitious targets in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This summit will certainly continue to serve that purpose.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As an archipelagic state, Indonesia seizes the opportunity to develop one of the benefits of being in the ICT ecosystem. With enormous resources, huge population, massive lands and seas, and almost 17.500 islands, Indonesia will be very much rely on stable but dynamic ICT. Indonesia manifests itself as one of the biggest users and promising players in the ICT market.

For instance, mobile users or cellular market is rapidly increasing, with a penetration rate estimated around 150% of the total population, reaching approximately 350 million

subscriptions. Meanwhile, the number of internet users has reached 88.1 million, while the broadband users have reached 48 million. Broadband growth is expected to hit 30% this year and 70% by 2025. As part of our ambition, state-owned telecommunication operator is planning to build another 20 million broadband accesses starting this year.

These figures have contributed to Indonesia's economic growth of 5.6% on average since 2009, the second highest in the G-20. The growth is also paralleled with the quality of ICT massive spending that reach 32.8 billion USD in 2013 and 36.9 billion USD in 2014, or 12.5% positive growth. However, such encouraging development requires an effective and constructive engagement ranging from government, private, the market and all other multi-stakeholders.

Indonesia also is in the face of enhancing ICT-based creative industry, which contributes to 7 percent of Indonesia's total GDP. ICT generates a profound impact on the working methods of both the Government and the business sector. For example, the successful implementation of e-procurement in Indonesia reflects how ICT can help increase transparency in pursuing good governance.

As part of our concerted effort to enhance all relevant policies, Indonesia continues to further strengthening its ICT-related policies and regulations. In this regard, Indonesia has formulated the Indonesian Broadband Plan, a plan to create a better foundation for our broadband ecosystem by 2019. The Plan seeks to harness the full potential of broadband through the integration of national logistics and transportation systems.

Through this comprehensive Plan, Indonesia also endeavors to work towards a closer connectivity and development in the South East Asian region envisioned by the ASEAN Connectivity Plan.

Indonesia also seeks to maximize the potentials of ICT utilization by pursuing safe and secure ICT. It is important for all of us to strengthen our national capacity and further enhance global cooperation in addressing the misuse of ICT. At this juncture, Indonesia has adopted a national legislation to prevent malicious usage of ICT. We are also in the process of developing a national cyber-security policy to protect our vital cyber-security infrastructure. For that purpose, Indonesia has established a National Desk on Cyber Resilience and Information Security, which is expected to evolve and soon to become the Indonesia National Cyber Agency.

It is worth to mention that in line with the implementation of Broadband Plan, we are establishing National e-Commerce Roadmap in order to nurturing e-commerce ecosystem. This, we believe, is a significant stepping stone towards Indonesia Broadband Economy. E-commerce transaction in Indonesia in year 2014 have reached 18 billion USD and expected

to reach 24 billion USD this year. Promisingly, the players are mostly Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), and this sector gives more entrepreneurship opportunities to improve people's economy in rural and remote area, also to increase their productivity by the adoption of digital technology.

Furthermore, in attempt to help ensuring the inclusion of digital services, several banking institutions in Indonesia have begun to utilize a mobile digital platform that allows digital financial inclusion. This will enable poor and low income people to access effectively certain financial services that needed most.

In short, we are heading for Digital Dividend and not for Digital Divide.

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Underlining the importance of existing internet governance framework, Indonesia continue to support multi-stakeholder approach that engages governments, private businesses, civil society, and other components in the ICT ecosystem. Internet governance has to be an impetus towards ideal ICT that respects the laws and embrace norms and principles of good governance and based on an agreed set of ethics.

Finally, we shall indeed need to work closely together for a betterment of our people through a strong, effective and affordable ICT ecosystem, which is inclusive, transparent, equal and people-centred. These are remaining the foundations of our works today, and days to come. Therefore, let me once again stress Indonesia's strong commitment to strengthen development-oriented information society through WSIS and continuous collaboration with all multi-stakeholders in achieving our common goals and objectives.

I thank you.