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사회개발국 보고 관련 회의결과에 대한 한국정부의 언급

Thank you Mr. Chair/Mm Chair

Distinguished delegates,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the active participation of your governments in the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to launch the new Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, which was held from 29 October to 2 November. As many as 461 government delegates and representatives of civil society organizations from 51 countries gathered in Incheon, Republic of Korea, which was a record, and shared valuable experiences and views for better lives of 650 million persons with disabilities in the region.

I also would like to commend the ESCAP Secretariat for decades-long leadership and all the enthusiastic support for the success of the meeting. With such enthusiastic support from all participants, we could achieve the monumental outcome, the Ministerial Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022 and the Incheon Strategy to Make the Right Real for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.

I believe we opened a new horizon of regional cooperation towards the fulfillment of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and incorporate the disability perspective into the Millennium Development Goals and post-2015 development agenda. The Korean Government would contribute to the successful implementation of the Incheon Strategy by strengthening public-private partnership and international cooperation.

To make the Incheon Strategy not just a declaration but a reality, it is imperative for all the members and associate members to continue to share experiences and lessons in the process of its implementation. I hope we will further consolidate our partnership for the next decade to make a tangible difference.

Thank you.