STATEMENT

REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

AT THE

COMPREHENSIVE HIGH-LEVEL MIDTERM REVIEW
OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
THE VIENNA PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR
LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR THE DECADE 2014 - 2024

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Mr. President,

Indonesia aligns itself with the statement made by the State of Palestine of behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

It is an honor for Indonesia to participate today. We consider the mid-term review as an opportunity to reinvigorate political momentum and strengthen international cooperation to support the development of the LLDCs.

Moreover, Indonesia welcomes the adoption of the Political Declaration of the mid-term review and expresses its appreciation to the Permanent Representatives of Bhutan and Austria for their valuable leadership throughout the intergovernmental consultations.

Mr. President,

The world today is characterized with increasing interdependent nature of trade, finance and technology as well as increasingly uneven distribution of wealth and knowledge, within and among countries.

While a number of progress has been achieved by the LLDCs to advance their economy and development, this group of countries continue to face specific constraints and challenges, including poverty; low productivity; limited economic resources; deficiencies in physical infrastructures; and inadequate market access.
We welcome the development in areas such as the deepening of regional integration and cooperation; high rate of acceptance of the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation; and improvements of quality of infrastructure and of access to energy and ICT.

Progress has also been recorded in the areas of health, education, gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

Unfortunately, limited progress has been experienced in other areas.

- One third of the population of LLDCs is still living in extreme poverty;
- The prevalence of undernourishment has increased; and
- LLDC’s share in global merchandise trade remains very low, and in fact decreasing to only 0.98% in 2018.

Mr. President,

It is imperative to strengthen partnerships and collaboration to muster support and assistance to transform LLDCs to become a “land-linked” country.

Indonesia stands ready to work with the UN and international community to achieve this objective, among others through bridging financing gap for transportation and infrastructure as well as enhancing capacity to participate in the global supply chain.
Moreover, it is important to address means of implementation regarding the needs of the LLDCs. Although significant efforts in domestic resources mobilization have been made, enormous financing gaps still persist.

International community must provide enhanced resources to the LLDCs, such as in the form of Official Development Assistance, Foreign Direct Investment, and South-South and triangular cooperation.

They should also continue to provide technical assistance and capacity development support, based on the needs and priorities of the respective LLDCs. Such support can include in the areas of economic diversification; promotion of innovation and technology; and strengthening of resource mobilization, including to obtain access to available financing.

Mr. President,

We all have the shared duty to leave no one behind.

Indonesia reiterates that the VPoA is the global commitment that we are all dedicated to. We must continue our support for LLDCs in accelerating its implementation.

Thank you.