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**INTERSESSIONAL PANEL DISCUSSION ON CHALLENGES AND GOOD PRACTICES IN THE PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION, AND THE IMPACT OF CORRUPTION ON THE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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*Thank you, Mr. President,*

*My Delegation welcome this intersessional seminar to discuss this topic in the context of the pertinent and timely issue of the global Covid-19 pandemic.*

*We also extend our appreciation to all panellists for their presentation.*

*As corruption manifests itself in many ways and occurs in a multitude of contexts, and mindful of its impact on the enjoyment of human rights, the fight against corruption and the promotion and protection of human rights are mutually reinforcing.*

*Corruption exacerbates inequality and undermines the ability to optimize available resources for the realization of civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights as well as the right to development. It diverts funds from state budgets that otherwise be dedicated for national development and provision of basic needs.*

*In the context of the pandemic, public health measures are of particular concern.*

*At the national level, the Government of Indonesia continues to uphold and apply the principles of good governance and transparency. During the pandemic, the Government work together with the Corruption Eradication Commission of Indonesia in the prevention measures and monitoring of administration and implementation of Covid-19 respond policies.*

*The CEC provides advice and recommendations that has been implemented by relevant ministries, on the design and formulation of pandemic recovery policies and mechanisms including those relating to the provision of medical and healthcare assistance, administration of vaccination, as well as in the provision of micro enterprise assistance package, electricity subsidy, and other social assistance policies.*

*Mr. President,*

*Fighting the negative impact of corruption also requires robust international cooperation, at all levels.*

*Therefore, we see the value of intensifying the message on the linkages between the impact of corruption and human rights to drive stronger collaboration pursuant to the UNCAC, not only on prevention but also on the return of assets to support national development agenda.*

*I thank you.*