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Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Asia and the Úasããq Áleadership have embraced the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. Some governments have developed national sustainable strategies; others have aligned or prioritized sustainable development within existing plans. In some cases new policy and coordinating mechanisms have been designated, while in others the roles of planning and economic ministries have been sharpened to coordinate implementation of SDGs. nist

First, governments are mainstreaming and integrating the 2030 Agenda in their development plans, albeit the pace varies depending on the room for adjustment in investment pipeline and fiscal space.

Second, subregional platforms such as ASEAN, SAARC, SPECA and the Pacific Island Forum are proactively pursuing regional cooperation to reinforce sustainable development through development of cross border infrastructure and realization of transboundary goals. The vision and priorities of the ASEAN Economic Community, 2025 will over this period be aligned with 2030 Agenda.

Third, the Á^* q } Á@e Á^ } ^-ã áÁ! { ÁÒÙÔÚq Á enhanced conference structure which now includes finance, science, technology and innovation (STI) and energy. Our growing integrated and multi-sectoral intergovernmental support promotes sustainable development and reinforces through regional cooperation.

In line with the focus of session, I will outline on Cẽ ãÁ) áÁÚasããq Á } á^æ[~ !•Áf

1. Coordinate national data and indicators for consistent adoption of SDGs;
2. Operationalize sustainable development frameworks;
3. Prioritize financing and STI for sustainable development; and

The regional connectivity agenda is set to benefit from partnerships with regional road institutes and with the Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization.

Through its interface with the *Global Partnership for Sustainable Data*, Asia and Pacific will offer innovative solutions to increase the availability, access and use of data for timely monitoring of SDG progress.

Finally, inter-agency collaboration to the 2030 Agenda is being fostered through the Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism and enhanced linkages with the Asian Development Bank and UNDP.

In **conclusion**, the region has made a strong beginning to set the stage for implementing the 2030 Agenda, and effective platforms are being deployed to facilitate and strengthen implementation, while ensuring global and regional consensus and action. The regional Commission is rapidly gearing itself to coordinate and connect global policy with national level implementation of the SDGs. A regional road map for implementation of SDGs will be shortly deliberated among member states and operationalized next year. Such efforts lend confidence to the future of 2030 Agenda.

I thank you.