Statement by Indonesia

Thank you Madam Co-Chairs for this opportunity.

With association to the presentation made by honorable Mayor of Surabaya, Ibu Tri Rismarini, I would like to emphasize that the key element of the success of the city of Surabaya in creating a green, humane and prosperous city for its inhabitants, is the leadership of the honorable mayor and the process of enabling the local community and putting people in the center of all Surabaya’s policies and programs.

As an example is the kampung development program, which has been developed since 1968 – initiated by the government of Jakarta. It became a national program in the 1980s, with several cities still continuing till this day, among others, Surabaya. This program started from only involving the community in physical upgrading and provision of basic infrastructure, moving to recognizing land rights (formalizing informal land titles) and recognizing full citizenship of kampung dwellers. The program has evolved to empowering local communities, which includes not only strengthening community organizations and social cohesion (including the local mutual aid culture, gotong-royong), but also encouraging the mobilization of resources for kampung productivity through the Clean and Green Program, and also providing economic opportunities through the policy ‘one kampung, one product’. Information and communication technology enhancement through the provision of broadband learning centers have also been applied in the program, targeting in particular, women and youth.

The policies and programs of Surabaya for kampung have created a sense of ownership, and full participation of the community as key actors in kampung development. The municipality has also focused on providing public space and facilities such as parks, urban landscape, pedestrians (accessible to the disabled), public libraries, free wifi in public areas, education/training programs for the poor, which has lead to an improved quality of life.

The honorable mayor has indeed set an example where many Indonesian cities are following. This is a clear example of the implementation of the VISION of the Zero Draft New Urban Agenda stated in paragraph 5 "putting people in the center, and offer quality of life beyond the mere provision of infrastructure ". However, we feel that there needs more explanation to stress that putting people in the center also requires creating a sense of ownership and responsibility in the process. Indonesia also has proposed that there should be ethical principles and values for sustainable urbanization that can be adopted by all stakeholders. These principles and values can be in the form of an Urban Charter, such as the Earth Charter that followed the Rio Declaration for Sustainable Development.

= Thank you =

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