



Mr. Chairperson,

The theme of the 2012 annual ministerial review of ECOSOC is of the utmost importance, given the present state of the world economy.

... of the MDGs, especially MDG 1, we have to acknowledge

adolescent and youth sufficiently experienced and competitive for the labour market. Furthermore, to ensure the smooth continuity of the development process, from one generation to the next, greater access of our adolescents and youth to such development process is guaranteed.

Mr. Chairperson,

In accordance with known historical imperatives of global development, Indonesia sees the need for adolescent and youth to apply their creative energies to the manufacture of new products for the world market. We are encouraging them to be more innovative and creative as partners in the development process. Funding is being used to open up doors of opportunity for them to give of their very best as creative workers and small-scale entrepreneurs. As a result today more and more of our young people are involved

in the production of IT products.

Indonesia is of the view that this strategy will help to further reduce poverty. It also serves to turn what could have been a social liability into a development asset. The great number of adolescents and youth are expected to become a demographic bonus.