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At the outset, Mr. Chairman, my delegation wishes to associate itself with the statement delivered by the representative of Malaysia on behalf of ASEAN and China delivered by the representative of Argentina.

Mr. Chairman,

Since the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995, we have not only affirmed their rights and their equal and full participation in development.

Nevertheless, a Secretary-General's reports and through commission with UN Women and various mechanisms yesterday, reaffirm its as a goal of the population, the advancement of women at all levels, in the ever-changing global landscape.

The world is still consistently in the grips of wars and conflict, natural disasters and economic meltdowns. Rising inequality and disparity has impacted more than ever. At the same time, science, technology and inventions have significantly improved health and well-being, provided both men and women with longer life, more productivity and better prospects.

The recent global events also showed us how information and communication technology can inspire change toward a more transparent and open society, and demanded equal rights and participation of women.

The history shows that women are half of humanity's potentials can play a crucial role, not only to promote peace and security, but also in maintaining economic recovery, efforts, and ensuring sustainable and inclusive growth.

For Indonesia, further promoting an inclusive and sustainable economic growth broadens opportunities and strengthens the resilience of any nation.

Mr. Chairman,

The role and participation of women in the economy has become an important dimension of Indonesia's development agenda in recognition of women's constitutional rights. In the world Women's Platform of Action, Indonesia remained committed to strengthen policies and strategies to ensure that women are accorded a fair share of the economic pie.

Concrete steps are being taken to facilitate women's access to capital and the market in Indonesia, including the majority of women workers working in the micro, small and medium enterprises. National Community Empowerment Program in rural and district, under-developed and special regions designed to support the transition of economic and social infrastructure in communities to allow women entrepreneurs to access necessary training, workshops and other economic resources.

To address the situation, a nationalization program for women, aims to change mindsets, and enhance the quality of human resources vital for national development.

The implementation of Law No. 13 of 2003 on Employment guarantees equal opportunity in employment and remuneration by employers. In addition, gender sensitive policies that refer to the female workers' reproductive function; improve the rank/position of workers, were being applied.

Mr. Chairman,

With globalization, employment opportunities away from the country of origin have emerged. It is estimated that there are 150 million documented migrant workers around the world. The massive labour migration that we are experiencing today, whether it is driven by reasons of economic, political or natural disasters, is an issue that must be urgently addressed.

Effort should also be made to ensure that the benefits of globalization are shared by migrant workers, given their contribution to social and economic development, both in the countries of origin and destination.

As a country of origin, Indonesia is taking institutional, administrative and legal steps, to protect and empower its migrant workers. The government is intensifying cooperation with both domestic and foreign recruitment agencies, to ensure the safety of migrant workers, and also their protection in the host countries.

We have developed arrangements with host countries, to ensure that their rights are respected and protected, including their rights to minimum wage and days off. We are also upgrading their knowledge and skills to enhance their contribution to the host economies.

Whilst Indonesia is doing its part to improve the protection of women's rights, we are committed to implement the international human rights instruments of women.

Mr. Chairman,

Development policies should also deliver opportunities for women to participate in democratic governance. This is first-hand experience in a transition toward a full-fledged democracy, and the role of women in political decision-making. Democracy requires the

participation of women in the decision-making process that affects their lives. To bring about such a dominant process, there should be continuous dialogue and elements of society, including for young women.

In recent years, Indonesia sees women emerge as a pillar of democracy and an important part in the three branches of government. Women hold 22% of the seats in the national legislative body are held by women and more women being elected as chairpersons of their respective political parties. In the judiciary branch, around 18 percent of supreme judges are women.

We have proved that democracy and women's rights can thrive even in Muslim.

Mr. Chairman,

In years to come, Indonesia will continue working to close the gap between policy and practice at all level, in realizing gender equality and empowerment for women. Within this context, I would like to endorse the important role of UN Women providing support for national partners based on each national priority.

Indonesia also urges UN Women to carry on mainstreaming and projecting gender perspectives and concerns in social, labor and also in economic and environment at the global level.

The forthcoming event this 2020, the International Conference on Disabilities at the Year of the Family provides such momentous opportunity. Women can play an active role in ensuring that such intergovernmental processes take into account the challenges women face, but also the positive contribution women can provide in addressing our common challenges.

Thank you.

participation of women in the decision-making process that affects their lives. To bring about such a democratic process, there should be continued dialogue in all elements of society, including for young women.

In recent years, Indonesia has made significant progress in building a culture of democracy and the rule of law. In the three branches of government, we had a woman president and women ministers leading strategic ministries. Whereas 18.2% of the seats in the national legislative body are held by women and more women being elected as chairpersons of their respective political parties. In the judiciary branch, around 18 percent of supreme judges are women.

We have proved that democracy and women's rights can thrive among Muslims.

Mr. Chairman,

In years to come, Indonesia will continue working to close the gap between policy and practice at all levels in realizing gender equality and empowerment of women. Within this context, I would like to underscore the important role of UN Women in providing support for national partners based on local national priority.

Indonesia also urges UN Women to carry on mainstreaming and promoting gender perspectives and concerns in social laws and also in economic and environment at the global level.

The forthcoming events like Rio+20, the International Conference on Disabilities, the Year of the Family provides such momentous opportunities. We are confident that UN Women can play an active role in ensuring that such intergovernmental processes take into account the challenges women face, but also the positive contribution women can provide in addressing our common challenges.

Thank you.