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***Your Excellency Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand
and Chair of the Second Summit of the Asia Cooperation
Dialogue,
Your Excellency Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the
United Arab Emirates, Chair of the Asia Cooperation
Dialogue,
Royal Highnesses,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,***

At the outset, I wish to congratulate the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand for the excellent arrangement of this Summit. In particular, I wish to extend my appreciation for the tremendous efforts that Thailand has been making during its chairmanship of the forum in 2015-2016.

I would also like to join other delegates to congratulate the Republic of Turkey and Nepal as the new ACD Member States, in 2013 and 2016 respectively, as well as the United Arab Emirates as the new ACD Chair for 2016-2017.

We share the confidence that the addition of Turkey and Nepal to the membership will add value and credibility to the forum, and trust that the chairmanship of the United Arab Emirates will add another fruitful year for the ACD.

***Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,***

Over the past decade, we have witnessed the trend that most regions are strengthening their intra-regional cooperation to stay relevant and able to respond to the challenges of uncertain and volatile global situations.

For ACD, the desire to strengthen our cooperation has been reiterated in our Communique of the first Summit. However, despite the progress made in specific projects, the lack of long-

term vision and goals has hindered the aspirations of ACD in driving Asian regionalism and growth.

In this context, we welcome the proposed ACD Vision for Asia Cooperation 2030, to be adopted at this Summit. This vision should guide us in our common efforts to reinvigorate the ongoing cooperation towards creating a future Asian community.

Among the 6 consolidated pillars of cooperation set out in the ACD Vision, Indonesia is committed to be one of the co-prime movers on the pillar of *Interrelation of Food, Water, and Energy Security*. This commitment serves as a continuation of Indonesia's role as a co-prime mover in the previous area of cooperation in the energy sector.

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One of Indonesia's previous contributions to foster ACD cooperation in the energy sector was the *Workshop on Promotion and Standardization of Biofuels*, held in 2014 in Jakarta. The workshop was part of our commitment to the Energy Plan of Action, adopted at the 12th ACD Ministerial Meeting in 2013. The workshop served as a platform of sharing experiences between ACD members on technological advancements as well as policies on biofuel use within the region of ACD states.

Indonesia takes note on the importance of the proposed *ACD Statement on Reigniting Growth through Partnerships for Connectivity*. As an archipelago which encompasses thousands of islands and spans over 5 million square kilometers, Indonesia puts special emphasis on the role of connectivity to facilitate and expedite growth. Connectivity is one of top priorities of our national policy to support the development of leading sectors in food security, energy, maritime, tourism and industry.

In a larger context, connectivity will help bridge a region as diverse as Asia, with its archipelagic as well as continental sub-regions and landlocked countries.

In this context, the ACD can help promote greater Asian connectivity. We believe that regional connectivity will accelerate the productivity in the region and contribute to the spread of economic growth in Asia.

It will be great achievement if we are able to connect the centers of growth in our region with each other, and with other cities in Asia to stimulate growth and create more centers of growth in Asia.

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Distinguished delegates,***

The theme of this Summit, "One Asia, Diverse Strengths" captures a key principle of ACD. It is a cooperation that will make the most of our strengths and potentials, ensure optimization of our resources, and unlock new opportunities for all Member States.

Finally, Indonesia wishes that our efforts to reinvigorate the ACD, while still maintaining its core values of voluntarism and non-institutionalism, will unleash the potential of this forum to be more relevant, dynamic, and bring concrete benefits to our peoples.

I thank you.

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