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H.E. Mr/Madames. Naoko Ishii, the CEO and Chairperson of the GEF
Mr/Madame Chair of the Sixth GEF Assembly,
Excellencies Ministers, Heads of Delegation
Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Government and people of Vietnam for hosting this event, and to the Secretariat of GEF for the excellent organization of the 6th GEF Assembly.

Mr/Madame Chair,

The 6th GEF Assembly is timely. Our global environmental commons – the land, seas and atmosphere we share, and the ecosystems they host – are under severe threat from ever more powerful human activities. This Assembly then should be an opportunity to both look back on what we have learned and achieved in the past, and to look ahead. As it is extremely urgent to come together and transform the key economic systems in the world, this assembly need to send a strong message to the

world that we need to pursue transformational change and must work together.

Indonesia recognizes the continuous support of the GEF for countries to meet objectives and targets of the safeguarding global commons. The successful GEF-7 replenishment, where countries pledged US\$4.1 billion, indeed, a sign of enhanced global commitment in safeguarding the global commons, and also a sign of confidence in the GEF's ability to continue assist countries catalyze transformational change.

Mr/Madame. Chair,

This esteemed Assembly is an occasion for nations as well as stakeholders to share experiences, join hands and to act to realize our shared aspirations for a 'resilient, sustainable and life-affirming planet'.

In ensuring ocean's health, Indonesia consistently continues its efforts in protecting and conserving coral reefs, including by replanting coral reefs with high participation of communities, private sectors and young generation. Indonesia continue to take lead in reducing marine litter, climate change mitigation and chemicals. We also implement sustainable solid waste management by adopting circular economy and ratified Minamata Convention for further elimination and reduction of mercury use.

As part of our consistent efforts on sustainable forest management, Indonesia has been implementing cross-cutting approaches on the expansion of community based forest management through Social Forestry Programme of 12.7 million hectares. Furthermore, Indonesia

continue to protect its essential ecosystems and has successfully managed its peatlands by restoring 680.000 hectares of peatlands from our target of 2 million hectares by 2020. Thus, it will contribute to the accomplishment of our NDC to reduce 29% of carbon emission in 2030 by our own efforts, together with efforts to gradually transform energy support towards greener renewables and energy efficiency.

Indonesia is also doing its part and will keep continue to contribute in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Considering the inter-linkages relationships among the goals, we are also pleased to inform you that Low Carbon Development, which is based on systems based planning approach, will become one of the anchor of SDGs and become our main platform for the next Medium-term National Development Plan 2020-2024. We expect that any GEF initiatives in the future will be in line with our development plan.

Mr/Madame. Chair,

While maintaining a common but differentiated responsibility principle towards a sustainable development, strengthened international cooperation and global partnership in reducing and eliminating global threats is indeed required. Yet, my delegation views that transparency and clarity of policy and guidances on GEF-7 resource allocation and implementation are important, including policy on co-financing and investment mobilized.

To conclude, Indonesia stands ready to work together in meeting the challenge and in seizing the opportunity and to address global

environmental related issues. It is in such joining together that we will define and remake our common future, and restore our common home. So, "Let us unite to make our planet the future we want".

Thank you.