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**AT THE FOURTH BALI REGIONAL MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
ON PEOPLE SMUGGLING, TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND
RELATED TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES
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Thank you Co-chairs.
Excellencies Ministers,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Indonesian delegation, I would like to underline that since its inception in 2002, the Bali Process has proven to be beneficial to our region, as it remains to be the only platform that caters regional cooperation in addressing people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crimes.

Distinguished Delegates,

- Since the last Bali Regional Ministerial Conference in April 2009, we have made progress in capacity building and information-sharing among the participants of the Bali Process.
- We are pleased to note that a number of workshops have been held to implement the results of 2009 Ministerial Conference. The reactivation of the Ad-hoc Group as mandated by that Conference has had positive impact on the

regional situation. This mechanism attempts to comprehensively address specific problems of people smuggling and trafficking in persons which involves source-, transit-, and destination countries, with the participation from the relevant international organizations.

- In this regard, we welcome the Co-chairs' Statement of the Senior Officials Meeting of the Ad-hoc Group, endorsed by the Senior Official Meeting of the larger Bali Process earlier this month.

Co-chairs,

Distinguished Delegates

- Allow me to highlight some of the activities that Indonesia has undertaken in combating people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crimes.
- Indonesia conducted several programs, individually as well as jointly with other countries and international organizations in 2009 and 2010. Together with the UNHCR and IOM, Indonesia hosted an Inter-regional People Smuggling and Human Trafficking Conference in December 2009 in Semarang and a Workshop on Regional Protection, Resettlement and Repatriation in June 2010 in Bali. The data-sharing and exchange of information gained from such activities have been very useful to the region.
- We have also established 13 immigration detention centers across the country to cope with the increasing number of irregular migrants. In addition, we have strengthened our legal instruments by ratifying the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocol on People Smuggling and Protocol on Trafficking in Persons in 2009, as well as other efforts to discourage activities related to irregular migration.
- Moreover, Indonesia is in the advanced process of incorporating the criminalization of people smuggling into its new immigration law. The new law covers prevention and criminalization of people smuggling related offences by, among others, imposing legal punishment such as imprisonment and fines to offenders. The new immigration law would also criminalize

unlawful entry and illegal exit from Indonesia to other countries while respecting the basic principle on treatment to smuggled-migrants of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its related protocol.

- With regard to trafficking in persons, we welcome the outcome of the Senior Officials Meeting of the Bali Process recognizing that this is an issue of on-going concern to many countries in the region and affirming the need for additional cooperation in addressing this problem. Domestically, Indonesia has adopted policies and has taken initiatives in dealing with this social problem by enacting a comprehensive law on Anti Trafficking in Persons in 2007.

Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

- The Bali Process is therefore a regional cooperation framework equipped with the means for addressing and deterring illegal people movement in a comprehensive and cooperative manner within source-, transit- and destination countries.
- As such, Indonesia is fully supportive of and firmly committed to the Bali Process, while recognizing the need to reinvigorate cooperation on practical measures and activities aimed at increasing the capacity of states to address the issue of people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crimes in the region.

I thank you.
