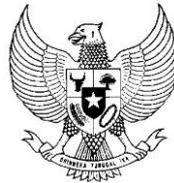


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Honorable Chairman,

Ministers and Heads of Delegations,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, I should like to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and the Government of the Republic of Italy for their generous hospitality in hosting this very important event. My delegation has strongly believe that it will be very fruitful and instrumental in tackling global challenges on nutrition and lay down the work forward to achieve sustainable global nutrition.

As the fourth largest population in the world and of which most of them are at productive and child age, Indonesia puts utmost importance the issues of nutrition as it has strong connection with the development and quality of human resources which is very crucial to our national development.

Considering the importance of nutrition, the Government of Indonesia has mainstreamed nutrition objectives in our human policy development, as stated in the current and in the next National Medium Term Development Plan 2015-2019. We realize that nutrition is multifaceted and addressing problem of malnutrition requires multi-dimensional approach with the participation of all stakeholders, including local governments and people. In this regard, our decentralization policy is expected to give effective support to the local government efforts in tackling the problem of malnutrition, even though there are some challenges to do so.

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, Indonesia remains confronting with the high prevalence of undernutrition in under-five children. Consequently, stunting has emerged as one of the urgent development challenges. Therefore, the Government of Indonesia commits to decrease it by 40% by 2025. At the same time, the Government also addresses the Double Burden of Malnutrition, which arises from the rapid increased of overnutrition in children and adult population.

Several policies have been issued that provide a robust enabling environment for actions to address malnutrition. Our Food and Nutrition Action Plan provides a common framework for actions to reduce malnutrition. The Food Law issued in 2012 mandates all districts and municipalities to develop a food and nutrition plan that provides the road map for overcoming their food and nutrition challenges. This Law encompasses all food security dimensions, from availability to utilization of food, and promotes food diversification as a critical component. In addition, a balanced diet and healthy lifestyle guideline has been developed.

Within the health sector, we are redoubling our efforts to increase the coverage of specific nutrition interventions, including support for maternal, infant and young child feeding, improvement of micronutrient intake through supplementation and food fortification, and the management of acute malnutrition. We have also embarked on an ambitious plan to achieve universal health coverage in 2019. To address over nutrition, the Ministry of Health recently issued a policy that obliges processed-food manufacturers to provide the public with information on the sugar, salt and fat content of their products.

We are also working to increase the nutrition-sensitive programmes in other sectors. Within the agriculture sector, Presidential Decree Number 22 of 2009 provides instructions on accelerating the diversification of, and household access to, local foods. We believe that national food security must start from household level. Therefore, the Government promotes the “Sustainable Food Reserve Garden” program in which household produces its own healthy and diverse food and, at the same time, provides opportunity to improve family income.

Under the poverty reduction programme, we are taking steps to enhance the nutrition impacts of a community empowerment programme. The National Programme on Community Empowerments provides poor communities with block grants in order, among others, to address underlying causes of poor health and nutrition.

These and other sectors are coming together under the Indonesia’s Scaling-up Nutrition (SUN) Movement. Presidential Decree Number 42 of 2013 provides the regulatory framework to facilitate the operationalization of these collective efforts involving multiple sectors and stakeholders.

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We strongly believe in the common vision for global action to end all forms of malnutrition; and we reaffirm our support that the United Nations General Assembly endorses the Rome Declaration on Nutrition and its Framework for Action, which provides a set of voluntary policy options and strategies for use by governments, as appropriate, and to consider declaring a Decade of Action on Nutrition from 2016 to 2025.

Notwithstanding our endorsement to the outcome documents, Indonesia is of a view that nutritional fortification in the context of the Framework for Action should include not only actions to address anemia in women reproductive age, but also address micronutrient deficiencies for children and adult population.

In closing, let me highlight that fighting stunting and improving nutrition not only are of health and economic issues, but is also morally imperative. Therefore, on behalf of the Government of Indonesia, I underline the need of strength on concrete efforts to address the challenge of nutrition and food system. I hold the belief that Rome Declaration on Nutrition and its Framework for Action will generate benefit to all members in supporting this valuable undertaking.

Indonesia stands ready to work with all members to realize the implementation of the outcome documents of this conference to achieve our nutrition objective.

I thank you.