

Mr. President,

Over the years, Indonesia has always been at the forefront of supporting the critical role of women in any of international organizations as well as international cooperation and initiatives. In light of this, Indonesia has always been supporting the role of women in addressing the issue of climate change, especially since COP-13 UNFCCC in Bali in 2007. Indonesia recognizes that women are a powerful force in contributing to the climate change adaptation and mitigation measures through their activities in various sectors, including in the area of sustainable forest management and agriculture.

Women indeed have a high stake in climate change. This is not only because they are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, but also because they have the potential as well as the access to mobilize change towards sustainable consumption and production patterns. Considering these factors, it is therefore pertinent that the voices, views and ideas of women should be heard and be considered in the dialogue of climate change.

Therefore, Indonesia reaffirm its support to the proposal put forwarded by the European Union in promoting gender equality through greater involvement of women in the decision-making process related to climate change, including in the representation of Parties in bodies established under the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol.

I thank you Mr. President.