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Successful strategies for addressing the use of technology to facilitate trafficking in persons and to prevent and investigate trafficking in persons

Thank you Madam Chair, for giving me the floor.

I would also like to thank the Secretariat for preparing a background paper to guide us in discussing successful strategies for addressing the use of technology to facilitate trafficking in persons and to prevent and investigate trafficking in persons.

Madam Chair,

64% of the Indonesian population are active internet users. On the one hand, the internet has provided us with a means to connect to families and friends abroad as well as ways to gather knowledge and information. On the other hand, criminal groups are taking advantage of the internet or dark web to recruit, collect real-time data on routes, communicate, and advertise their services.

Myriad of information is available online. Yet, with a lack of integration and interoperability, it isn't easy to navigate the information islands to search for the correct information. This fact alone may jeopardize unsuspecting individuals from the lure of traffickers.

Madam Chair,

Allow me to share some key points under this agenda item:

First, Prevention. Indonesia puts the importance of creating safe migration. The government has implemented several measures to raise public awareness through public information campaigns that provide information regarding safe migration, basic human rights standards, and relevant authorities that could provide protection if needed.

One such example is Portal Peduli WNI and Save Travel app, developed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to integrate information systems from various governmental institutions, prioritizing those dealing with migrant workers.

Second, in terms of identification and protection for victims, the Bali Process Regional Support Office and UNHCR has developed screening and referral toolkit that will be equipped with mobile application. The toolkit and application are intended to assist officials that are involved in screening and referral of possible trafficking victims, unaccompanied children, refugees, persons with medical needs, and other groups with specific needs.

Third, as for data and information sharing, at the national level, relevant line Ministries are under close coordination with the law enforcement officials to share data/information on criminal groups. For example, coordination with the Indonesian Financial Transaction Reports

and Analysis Center to investigate suspected banking accounts and with the Ministry of Information to block websites or social media accounts that are used by criminal groups.

Led by the Indonesian Ministry of Labour, we also share relevant information online with Saudi Arabia to assist in the placement and protection of our migrant workers. As a pilot project, this practice will be evaluated every three months by the joint-task force.

Madam Chair,

Of course, with the proliferation of platforms and apps that enable data sharing, regulatory aspects on data protection and security threats, as well as misuse of these platforms will undoubtedly be another aspect that should be continuously addressed as it evolves.

I thank you.