



Mr. Chairman,

As this is the first time I am taking the floor on behalf of the Indonesian delegation, let me join those who have spoken earlier and convey my delegation's congratulations to you on

your election to preside over this session. By the same token I congratulate the vice-chairpersons on their elections. With your able stewardship, my delegation is confident that the theme of this session and its impact on development will be effectively addressed.

My delegation expresses its appreciation for introducing the reports of the Secretary.

- The need to enhance productivity in rural areas so that the transition from rural to urban communities produces minimal social impacts.
- Promote and facilitate efforts to close the gap between the rural and urban sectors by continuing the decentralization process in development.

Develop urban-rural linkages and synergies to encourage a system where the poor can be