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**KEYNOTE SPEECH
MINISTER FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT
ON THE SUB REGIONAL DISSEMINATION MEETING ON GENDER
EQUALITY IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
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His Excellency Dean Faculty of Social and Politic, Airlangga University
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His Excellency Director Southeast Urban Environmental Management, Asian
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Assalamu'alaikum wr. Wb

Good morning and prosperous greeting for all of us.

First of all as religious people, let us to thank God, because of His mercy and guidelines this morning we are given healthy and safety to attend this agenda. I would like to welcome to Surabaya, especially for the participant who come from neighboring country and first time come to Surabaya. This town is one of struggling center in Indonesia when we take by force the independence from the colonization. Surabaya is the second largest towns in Indonesia with specific characteristic and differences with other town in Indonesia. It grows rapidly with the special environmental problem differ with the other town.

I am very happy to organize this meeting with the purpose to get lesson learn and experiences on integration gender perspective in urban environment. For

the Ministry of Women's Empowerment perspective, I believe this meeting will give valuable input. On the other hand this process will be our need in order to support this programs before the member of delegation from neighboring country give recommendation on sustainable development particularly to the decision maker at their country.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

If we talk about gender, there is a lot of concept and problems that probably have similar in-term of space and time on the urban social dimension. Perception and understanding society on gender often we find bias for one of the sex. It influences on the public policy level related with water and sanitation, trash management, and air pollution issue due to industrial growing in the urban that over environment support system. Beside that, urban development pull factor on the urbanization from rural to urban have given their own problem and influence to the gender role and gender relations in the society.

In this meeting I would like to remind all participant that the Beijing Declaration as a result of Fourth World Conference on Women 1995 has already given the several mandate to every country, for example to:

- Reduce risk of women from identified environmental hazard at home, at work and in other environments,
- Integrate a gender perspective in the design and implementation
- Promote the participation of local communities, particularly women, in identification of public service needs, spatial planning and the provision and design of urban infrastructure.

The action plans as implementation of Beijing Platform are about:

- Evaluate policies and programs in term of environmental impact and women's equal access to and use of natural resources
- Integrate the result of gender sensitive research into mainstream policies with a view to developing sustainable development human settlement.

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Recommendations in the Beijing Platform have also adopted in the Strategic Plan Ministry of Women's Empowerment 2005-2009. It reflects on the activities for instance developing strategy to improve women's role on the environment management and to disseminate environment development strategy to improve role of women.

I believe all delegations have prepared recommendations based on study from your countries, as valuable experience for the lesson learn and best practice and to exchange each other on integration gender since planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation process in the urban environment management. Therefore, we expect this forum will become vehicle to discuss and formulate strategic and action plan. It will give contribution in order to answer the dynamics challenges in the future toward sustainable development. The sustainable development economically will give additional value and will pay attention on the environment quality support system for the next generation and increase social welfare by considering man and women.

Finally, I would like asking the God to guide all of us in order to get best the result from this meeting as we expected.

Thank You

Wassalamu alaikum wr.wb

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