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CSOs Position Paper on North-East Asian Multi-stakeholder Forum on Sustainable Development Goals

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We, participants of Civil Society Organizations from Japan, Mongolia, and Republic of Korea, welcome the 1st North-East Asian Multi-stakeholder Forum on Sustainable Development Goals (hereinafter 'NEA SDGs MSH Forum') organized by UNESCAP to facilitate cooperation at sub-regional level, recognize that NEA SDGs MSH Forum is valuable platform for learning diverse issues for integrated approach, creating a broad human capital for SDGs, and understanding differences among actors for cooperation at sub-regional level.

We understand that there are number of common challenges at North East Asian region just a few to name: 1) environmental risks such as air pollution, climate change, increasing wastes treatment, exploitation of natural resources and soil degradation as results of rapid industrialization and urbanization, and nuclear power and its wastes treatment, and 2) social economic risks such as gender inequality, diverse and dynamic demographic changes including aging, and migrant workers. To develop common initiatives for Sustainable Development in the sub-region, it is necessary to have more NEA SDGs MSH Forum organized regularly with more diverse and responsible participants.

We, however, acknowledge that there is a risk to peace from the political and military tension in the sub-region and peace is a precondition for SDGs implementation at national level as well as for sub-regional partnership.

In this regard, **we would like to ask for a considerable support of UNESCAP to facilitate cooperation in this sub-region through a regular NEA SDGs MSH Forum**, and we believe it is a good example on how UN ESCAP works for SDGs implementation bringing discussion to sub-regional level to catalize national level implementation building learning and sharing platform for Multi-stakeholders.

We hope the 2nd NEA Multi-stakeholder Forum on SDGs will be held next year, preferably in Mongolia, and be a good opportunity to identify more issues and develop common actions for 2019.

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