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Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the government of Indonesia, allow me to welcome you to this Pre-CGI Meeting. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all of you. I believe we are here in this room motivated by the spirit of cooperation, by trust and optimism in the future of Indonesia.

This meeting is even more timely because of what had happened in Aceh. We were devastated. We were hit hard, very hard. But the period of mourning is over. Now is the time of healing, of rehabilitation and reconstruction. We have to dedicate our greatest effort to create a better life for the living, so the victims of the Tsunami did not die in vain.

The tragedy is forcing upon us a sense of urgency, not only to rebuild Aceh but also to develop Indonesia to become a stronger nation.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

CGI has done a lot in helping the process of development in our country. Allow me to use this opportunity to thank our friends who are here representing the donor countries and the multilateral institutions for their positive contributions.

Now, for the first time, this meeting is led by the Government of Indonesia. It is quite historical, because it signifies a process of maturity, a step in the right direction in our long journey to become a more modern and more prosperous society. I believe, in the coming years, our cooperation will become even more intensive. CGI has done a good job. We are going to make it even better and more effective to achieve the objectives that we set together.

Our meeting is also timely because this is the first CGI Meeting undertaken by the new government of Indonesia. President Bambang Yudhoyono has been given a clear and strong mandate by the people. He has a clear vision. He wants to lead Indonesia to realize its dreams. And in order to do so, he understands that Indonesia needs friends, not enemies.

There are many things we can do together. The big theme of our meeting this year is "Accelerating Growth Toward A Just and Equitable Society." We have to find a better way for Indonesia to grow faster, so new jobs are created and poverty reduced. We have to create a bigger economic pie as quickly as possible, without sacrificing some other noble principles in our life, like justice, democracy and equity.

There was a time when Indonesia was considered a working and successful model of economic development. I am sure, under a more democratic government and a strong leadership, we can do better than that.

Ladies and gentlemen:

Today our Pre-CGI Meeting will focus on the issue of medium-term development plan. There will be several topics which will be presented by various cabinet ministers. We are going to discuss about decentralization, poverty, security, health, education, environment, legal reform and anti-corruption campaign.

But before we start discussing these priority issues, let me invite my colleague, Dr. Sri Mulyani, who is the State Minister for National Development Planning, to brief us on the latest development and assessment about Aceh.

Thank you.