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- ladies and gentlemen,

A very good evening to you,

I would like to express my highest appreciation to the BRITACOM's Secretariat and the organizing committee for their efforts in preparing this virtual meeting.

In keeping with the globalization and the ever-growing number of tax disputes, Indonesia as the Chair of the Tax Dispute Resolution Task Force is committed to working together with other BRITACOM's members in improving the quality and the capacity of the dispute resolution.

As we assessed the needs of respective BRITACOM's member so as to achieve that objective, we had undertaken a survey regarding dispute resolution and a series of valuable discussions with the Secretariat and the Observers who provided a number of developed and constructive inputs. The result shows that members are willing and in need to improve their capacity on cross-border dispute prevention and resolution in an effective, efficient, and timely manner.

Accordingly, please allow us to recommend several programs based on the result of the survey that

might be feasible to be our future plan as follows:

- continuing to organize capacity building out of which the topics are set based on our needs in view of the respective development of dispute resolution mechanism;
- developing the concept of Cooperative Compliance program through the Advance Pricing Agreement in order to minimize the disputes;
- 3. providing technical assistances for the members that need to strengthen domestic regulations and procedures;
- 4. assistance by members in establishing a specific unit of dispute resolution for other members that do not have one; and
- 5. organizing a focus group discussion regarding current updates on international tax, such as, the 15 BEPS deliverables and the exchange of information for dispute resolution purposes.

Again, I would like to reiterate my appreciation to the BRITACOM's Secretariat for arranging this productive meeting and the participants for their active engagement.

Thank you.

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