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**Closing Remarks by Singapore Co-Chair
Mr Tan Chin Tiong, Director
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Ladies and gentlemen,

Through the course of today's discussion, we have the opportunity to hear a range of views and perspectives from our friends from different sections of society on how to take our bilateral relations forward. While our relations at the government level have developed and improved, and economic relations have flourished, at the people-to-people level, more can to be done. Perhaps there are no better words that capture the spirit of Indonesia-Singapore relations than Prime Minister Lee Hisen Loong's comment that "while we are neighbours by geography, we are partners by choice."

The Indonesia-Singapore Forum has served the objective of fostering a better idea of where we need to work harder to improve mutual understanding between our two peoples.

I thank Ambassador Soemadi Brotodiningrat for co-chairing the Forum. I would also like to acknowledge once again the cooperation of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Singapore, especially Ambassador Swajaya and his colleagues, BPPK and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore in organising this Forum.

Thank you Ambassador Soemadi Brotodiningrat, my Co-Chair and the moderators and speakers for your insightful and constructive views, and to the participants for joining us today. To our Indonesia friends, I wish you an enjoyable stay in Singapore and a safe journey home.

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