

**Statement by Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative of Indonesia  
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**at the Resumed Session of the Sixth Human Rights Council  
on the occasion of the  
59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary universal Declaration of Human Rights**

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Mr. President,

It gives me great pleasure to address this august body today, in celebration of the 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a document that we can surely describe as the mother of human rights instruments in human history.

Indeed, the Universal Declaration has become a guiding inspiration for the conduct that governments and individuals alike should adopt in the sacred cause of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

We thank the United Nations Secretary-General and Madame Louise Arbour for their respective statements.

At this point, we align ourselves with the statement made by Cuba on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Mr President,

We note with satisfaction that the protection of individual human rights and freedoms has developed in parallel with the progressive development of international law. The proliferation of human rights instruments that we have witnessed since 1948 and the impressive achievements in mainstreaming human rights in all societies attest to that.

We are also encouraged to see that now human rights, peace and security, and development are on an equal footing. Indeed, they are inextricably linked and mutually reinforcing. The one is impossible to achieve without the other.

However, extreme poverty and famine, coupled with the effects of post 9-11 incidents in the form of many violations of human rights have demonstrated how far the world still is from fully realizing the goals of the Declaration.

Mr President,

Indonesia regards this anniversary with the conviction that respect for the rule of law and human rights for all people, regardless of race, religion, language or gender, remain the solid foundation for harmonious relations among states.

As a member-state of the United Nations, Indonesia is fully committed to the ideals upon which this organization was founded and to the aims of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as exemplified by our ratification of almost all of the core instruments that have emanated from it.

We support the plan of the United Nations Secretary General and High Commissioner for Human Rights to launch a year-long celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Declaration during which we should reflect whether the ideals enshrined in the Declaration have become a reality for people in all parts of the world.

Furthermore, we must build confidence in a process that encourages introspection and self-criticism, dialog and consultation, rather than confrontation and judgment.

The Declaration calls for the "advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want as the highest aspiration of the common people".

It recognizes the importance of economic, social and cultural rights as well as their inter-dependence with civil and political rights. Full realization of all these rights will give true meaning to the quest for human dignity embodied in the Universal Declaration.

In conclusion, Mr President, in spite of the enormous achievements that have been accomplished so far, there is still much left to be done to realize the goals of the Declaration. Thus, our continued concerted efforts are needed to make a difference.

We believe that through partnerships and cooperation amongst all stakeholders we shall succeed in realizing the vision enshrined in the Declaration.

Thank you.