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Note verbale dated 15 August 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations in New York has the honour to refer to the candidature of the Republic of Indonesia to the Human Rights Council for the term 2024–2026, for the elections to be held in New York on 10 October 2023.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution [60/251](#), the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia has the further honour to transmit herewith the voluntary pledges and commitments reaffirming that the promotion and protection of human rights are a priority of the foreign policy of the Republic of Indonesia (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia would be grateful to the President of the General Assembly if the present note and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 116 (c) of the provisional agenda.

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**Annex to the note verbale dated 15 August 2023 from the
Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the General Assembly**

**Candidature of Indonesia to the Human Rights Council,
2024–2026**

**Voluntary pledges and commitments pursuant to General Assembly
resolution [60/251](#)**

I. Introduction

1. The Government of the Republic of Indonesia presents its candidature to the United Nations Human Rights Council from 2024 to 2026, for the elections to be held in New York in October 2023.
2. Indonesia has been a strong supporter of the work of the Human Rights Council to deliver on its mandate to promote universal respect for the protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind and in a fair and equal manner. Indonesia also remains resolute that the principles of universality, impartiality, objectivity, non-selectivity, constructive international dialogue and cooperation shall guide the work of the Council.
3. The candidature of Indonesia coincides with the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the thirtieth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action and the thirty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development.
4. It also aims to seize the momentum of global efforts in strengthening multilateralism, spearheaded by the Secretary-General, as reflected in his report entitled “Our Common Agenda” and the plan for the Summit of the Future.
5. Thus, Indonesia remains committed to building cooperation between States based on these universal instruments to maintain rules-based multilateralism and continue supporting countries in fulfilling their human rights obligations through technical assistance and capacity-building.
6. Known for its diverse culture, thriving democracy, peaceful and tolerant society and population of more than 270 million people, Indonesia promotes dialogue and solidarity as keys to maintaining peace and promoting and protecting human rights.
7. Challenges in protecting, promoting and fulfilling human rights – including continued conflicts, the rise of ultranationalism, the spread of misinformation, major power rivalries and the impact of climate change – remain persistent.
8. The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic has exacerbated the challenging situation. No country has been immune to the impacts of the pandemic, and now all have to fight to reverse the economic downturn that has affected people’s rights and welfare, essentially affecting the efforts to promote and protect human rights and, in most cases, halting progress.
9. Indonesia is committed to preserving the fundamental civil and political rights of all persons. Furthermore, Indonesia is also committed to strengthening the promotion and protection of economic, social and cultural rights to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. These commitments are consistent and resonate with Indonesia’s presidency of the Group of 20 in 2022 and its chairmanship of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 2023, which reflect Indonesia’s emphasis on the attainment of global recovery and welfare.

10. Indonesia is of the view that the Human Rights Council should be able to adapt and prioritize its work to respond to current challenges in a post-pandemic global setting, in which climate change and natural disasters, armed conflicts and the regression of democratic and civic values continue to pose a threat towards humanity.

11. The Council also needs to address the rapid progress of digital technology in terms of information and communications, which brings both opportunities and challenges in a wide range of aspects, including in the context of political, economic, development, social and cultural rights.

12. Against this backdrop, Indonesia presents the theme of “Inclusive partnership for humanity” for its candidature. Indonesia will continue to work with all Member States of the United Nations to protect human rights, enhance collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including civil society and national human rights institutions, and advance fundamental rights for health, development, children, women and other vulnerable groups, primarily through cooperation and technical assistance to countries in need.

II. Voluntary pledges and commitments

Commitments to the protection and promotion of human rights at the national level

13. At the national level, Indonesia pledges and commits:

(a) To continue to place the promotion and protection of human rights as key elements in the national development programme;

(b) To strengthen the effective implementation of the National Action Plan on Human Rights, through various mechanisms and tools, as the national guideline for ministries, agencies and local governments to promote and implement human rights;

(c) To enhance its partnerships with various stakeholders, including national human rights institutions, civil society organizations, academia and media, to maintain a robust environment for multi-stakeholder collaboration in promoting and protecting human rights;

(d) To continuously ensure the effective implementation of its human rights laws and regulations, including by improving coordination and synergy between all stakeholders and strengthening legislative frameworks;

(e) To consider the recommendations received from treaty bodies, special procedures of the Human Rights Council and the recommendations accepted by Indonesia in its universal periodic review in formulating and implementing policies and legislation;

(f) To continue to strengthen the capacities of government officials, particularly law enforcement, as well as other stakeholders at the national and local levels through regular training and dissemination programmes on Indonesia’s human rights obligations and commitments;

(g) To advance women’s rights and promote gender equality in all spheres of life, by continuing to mainstream a gender perspective in all policies and programmes and significantly increasing women’s participation and representation in economic and political roles;

(h) To promote the rights of persons with disabilities by continuously improving implementation mechanisms aimed at disability-inclusive development at the national and local levels;

(i) To support transparency, independence and the effective work of Indonesia's national human rights institutions;

(j) To focus its policies to ensure that no one is left behind, by way of explicitly strengthening development policies and programmes and human rights protections for vulnerable groups, particularly persons with disabilities, children, older persons and customary law communities;

(k) To continue to take steps to provide adequate space to receive inputs with regards to policy development and take further steps to revise and adjust legislation, policies and regulations to be in line with international human rights treaties to which Indonesia is party.

Pledges and commitments for Indonesia's active and constructive engagement in the promotion of universal respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms

14. At the international and multilateral levels, Indonesia pledges and commits:

(a) To strengthen multilateralism by promoting democracy and human rights through solidarity in diversity, as well as by reinforcing equality and inclusivity;

(b) To contribute to increasing the capacities of countries and reducing inequalities between countries in their capacity to promote and protect human rights, mainly through technical cooperation and capacity-building;

(c) To support the work of the Human Rights Council and other United Nations human rights mechanisms, following their mandates based on constructive dialogue and a non-selectivity approach;

(d) To actively promote the instrumental role of the universal periodic review that allows Member States to engage with one another constructively in supporting the promotion and protection of human rights;

(e) To promote the strengthened capacity of the Human Rights Council to provide technical assistance and capacity-building to government officials, civil society and other relevant stakeholders in promoting and protecting human rights;

(f) To continue supporting the work of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, including through voluntary contributions and concrete programmes;

(g) To continue constructive engagements with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council and promote their independent, objective and impartial work;

(h) To continue to assess the possibility, based on national needs and priorities, of ratifying additional international human rights instruments;

(i) To continue to implement the Sustainable Development Goals as key to ensuring the fulfilment of fundamental rights;

(j) To continue to take an active role in various human rights forums and in forging international cooperation on human rights, including through the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and through effective use of Indonesia's bilateral human rights dialogues;

(k) To contribute to the work of the Human Rights Council which supports the vision of future global cooperation laid out in "Our Common Agenda", where appropriate.

15. At the regional level, Indonesia pledges and commits:

(a) To enhance capacity-building and technical assistance during its membership, especially for participants in the Asia Pacific region, helping to ensure that the Council's work reaches and benefits the region;

(b) To take an active role in the promotion and protection of human rights in Southeast Asia through strengthening the effective mandate of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights and the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children, as well as through institutionalizing the ASEAN Human Rights Dialogue;

(c) To strengthen cooperation with United Nations agencies and the regional office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to promote technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the region, especially on the rights of the child, women and persons with disabilities, in the attainment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a whole;

(d) To strengthen cooperation with countries in the region and relevant international and regional organizations to address regional concerns related to human trafficking, people smuggling, online child exploitation and online labour exploitation.

III. Inclusive partnership for humanity

16. In the midst of global geopolitical uncertainty – characterized by conflicts, multidimensional crisis and a polarization of views – Indonesia believes that the global community has the responsibility to continue to push forward on the promotion and protection of human rights for all. Indonesia, for its part, will continue on this path.

17. Indonesia is committed to contributing to the collective efforts to promote and protect human rights within, through and beyond the Human Rights Council. Indonesia is committed to pursuing more robust implementation of human rights promotion and protection at the national and regional levels, helping to address real challenges on human rights promotion and protection on the ground and strengthening the work of the Human Rights Council to support countries' capacities in human rights promotion and protection.

18. Indonesia stands devoted to ensuring an inclusive partnership for humanity for all.