

**Statement of The Republic of Indonesia**  
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**Mme. Vice-President,**

1. Protection of the local community, as well as the customary law community, is always on the heart and mind of the people of Indonesia, in line with the principle stipulated in the UNDRIP and existing regulations.
2. While the concept of the “Indigenous People” is inapplicable to the conditions of the Indonesian societies, Indonesia recognizes the concept of “*Masyarakat adat*” or customary law societies which are recognized as sub-ethnic or tribal communities with traditional knowledge and rights, recognized and protected under the Constitution and legislations.
3. Indonesia commits to upholding the constitutional mandate to protect the rights of the customary law communities. Towards this end, we will continue to take measures to widen their access to basic needs, economic infrastructure and social services, including to women and children.

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4. Various normative frameworks to recognize a certain degree of "land rights" of the customary law communities have been developed, to provide measures for their rights and increase their welfare through, inter alia, fulfillment of basic needs, widening access to job opportunities and land.
5. Since 2016, President Widodo has granted 75,783 hectares of Adat Forest land under 89 decrees benefiting 44,800 families. The Government will further allocate more than 1 million hectares of indicative Adat forest areas.
6. The customary law community is one among four specific priority groups under the National Action Plan on Human Rights (NAPHR) 2021-2024, focusing on the provision of legal protection.

7. During the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Customary Law Communities received same rights as other citizens.
  - ➔ Door to door vaccination were provided through various institutions to fulfill their rights to vaccines.
  - ➔ Local wisdoms were also utilized to distribute information related to the pandemics.
8. Indonesia is in the process of drafting the Law on the customary law communities, which aimed to provide comprehensive protection of the rights of the traditional communities, as well as their recognition, protection and empowerment.

I thank you.

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