



**INDONESIA'S COUNTRY STATEMENT  
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**Mr. Chair,  
Excellencies,**

1. The Government of Indonesia welcomes the priority theme set out in this year's CPD Session.
2. "Population, Education, and Sustainable development" are strongly intertwined to each other.
  - ➔ As the fourth most populous country in the world – with population reaching to 275 million – Indonesia understands it well.
3. Therefore, in this session I would like to share three points.

**First**, efforts to ***bring attention on population growth issue*** must be equipped with appropriate, sufficient, and robust **advocacy and educational initiatives**.

4. From, 1971 to 2022, Indonesia's population growth rate has declined from 2.3 to 1.1. At the same time, the fertility rate has declined from 5.2 to 2.1.
  - ➔ The decline has brought significant improvement to the living standard of people and families in Indonesia.
5. In May 2022, the Government announced the "Quality Family Villages" program. It is to spearhead the efforts of ensuring greater understanding on the importance of family at local levels.
6. Not only to reduce fertility rate – the program is also aimed to ensure people's readiness in building a meaningful family lives.
  - ➔ Less than a year since it was launched, now more than 22.000 villages accross Indonesia have joined the program.
7. We are committed to reach the annual population growth rate to 1 percent per annum, and to maintain the TFR at 2.1 at national level.

**Second**, we must **strengthen the quality of education**.

8. Quality education will ensure sustained socio-economic development of the people.
9. Therefore, Indonesia is committed to improve access to quality education.

10. It is done, among others by allocating 20% of Indonesia's national budget for education, that is used for:
- Ensuring facilities and infrastructure to quality education – with particular focus on remote and rural areas;
  - Strengthening teacher's capacity, including in digital learning; and
  - Digital transformation in public learning.

11. With these efforts we aim to achieve quality and competitive human resources.

12. In 2022, despite COVID-19 pandemic we witness how school completion rate continued to increase in Indonesia. It is especially reflected in primary school, where completion rate increases from 96% in 2020 to be 97.8% in 2022.

**Third, we must also care for the determinant factors** which ensure the optimal outcomes of education.

13. To achieve full quality education outcomes, health, nutrition and the well-being of learners should also be guaranteed.

14. With this understanding, the Government of Indonesia is now focusing on efforts **to fight stunting**.

15. Data showed that nearly 30% of Indonesian children under the age of five are facing the risk of stunting.

16. For this, various strategies have been put in place. Among others, are the improvement of access to nutritious food as well as the awareness-raising on the importance of nutrition and childcare services.

17. As a result, in 2022, we have succeeded to significantly reduce the prevalence rate of stunting to be 21,6% from 24,4 in the previous year.

**Mr. Chair,  
Excellencies,**

18. We will continue to work collectively with the global community to share these good practices of Indonesia.

19. To give stronger push on the progress in population, education, and sustainable development agendas.

Thank you.

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