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**STATEMENT BY THE HEAD OF DELEGATION OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

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THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS**

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Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and gentlemen.

1. At the outset, allow me to congratulate you on your election as the Chair of this Sixty-Third session, as well as other members of the bureau.
2. Indonesia wishes to associate itself with the statements of Asia Pacific Group and (G77 and China), and would like to add the following statement in its national capacity.

**Mr Chair,**

3. The Ministerial Declaration 2019 has provided us with significant commitments and way forward in addressing and countering the world drug problem.
4. Effective implementation of these commitments requires concerted and sustained action at the national and international level.
5. In light of this, allow me to highlight 3 (three) points on the works that we have done in the spirit of preventing and combating Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Their Chemical Precursors.
6. **First, Indonesia has continued to implement international prevention standards into its national demand reduction strategies.**
  - Our strategies cover various policies, from education and prevention, to post-rehabilitation or aftercare programs.
  - By implementing those strategies, we are confident that we can achieve the objective of a society free from drug abuse and to promote the health, welfare and well-being of all individuals, families and communities.
7. **Second, Indonesia has also worked closely in bilateral, regional, and multilateral fora with all countries based on the principle of mutual respect.**
  - Our country has signed bilateral agreement on drugs, including with Australia, Sri Lanka, Morocco, and the United States, which include cooperation on capacity building, exchange of experience and data intelligence.
  - In this regard, Indonesia would like to encourage all States to enhance cooperation, particularly in technical assistance and the exchange of information, including intelligence information on drug syndicates.

**8. Third, Indonesia has used an innovative approach to tackle the use of technology as a means to conduct narcotics transactions.**

- Our strategy is focused on cooperation with the private sector in the e-commerce platform and online service providers.
- The government has cooperated with start-up companies, especially one that works in the delivery services to prevent the growing number of drug syndicate with more advanced tactics, using chat rooms as well as social networking website to target possible victims.

**Mr Chair,**

9. In tackling the challenges posed by drug trafficking, Indonesia uphold the great importance to the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

- Indonesia believes that access to health facilities, care and social services should be afforded to everyone in a non-discriminatory manner, considering the special needs of women and children.

10. However, promotion and protection of human rights should be addressed in a balanced manner.

- The rights of the victims of drug-related offences and their families should also be considered as an essential element in the formulation of global drug policy.

11. Indonesia believes that international cooperation to counter the world drug problem should base on the principle of sovereignty and responsibility of States.

- In term of drug policy, there is no one-size-fits all. Each country should take into account the historical, political, economic, social and cultural contexts and norms of its society.
- By doing that, we could take lesson learned from the local wisdom of each society, which will be beneficial to international cooperation against world drug problem.

**Mr Chair,**

12. Indonesia reiterates that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and

Psychotropic Substances of 1988 constitute the cornerstone of the international drug control system.

13. Furthermore, Indonesia underlines that the other relevant milestones documents, including 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action, the 2014 Joint Ministerial Statement, and the 2016 UNGASS Outcome Document, are complementary and mutually reinforcing in nature.

14. Indonesia welcomes the adoption of the 2019 Ministerial Declaration and reaffirm our commitments in implementing them.

15. Nonetheless, Indonesia believes that the implementation of such commitment should be conducted by bearing in mind the different capacities and circumstances of member states in implementing them.

→ It is important to implement those recommendations in accordance with national legislation, and in line with the three-drug control conventions.

16. To conclude, Mr Chair, Indonesia remains steadfast to support and contribute to the work and role of the Commission in the future to come.

I thank you.