

**NATIONAL STATEMENT**

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**Madame Chair,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,**

Indonesia would like to associate itself with the Group of 77 and China's statement and wishes to add our national statement, as follows:

COVID-19 pandemic has affected a lot of people as well as hindered the global efforts to combat drug abuse and trafficking. While it is still early to calculate its effects in countering the world's drug problem, few things are certain:

- Prolong lockdown, anxiety, as well as economic fallout due to the pandemic contribute to the increase of drug abuse, particularly by the most vulnerable.
- When borders closed, criminal groups adapt very quickly using maritime route, and technology to market illicit drugs.

During the pandemic, there is a relatively substantial increase of methamphetamine cases in Indonesia as compared to the previous year.

Regardless the challenges, Indonesia is strongly committed to implement our obligations as enshrined in the international drug control treaties as well as the 2009 Plan of Action. This commitment is conducted in a holistic and integrated manner by balancing three aspects:

- Hard approach through law enforcement measures.
- Soft approach through preventative measures, community empowerment and rehabilitation.
- Smart approach through utilizing ICT and research.

**Madame Chair,**

Moving forward, allow me to offer three key recommendations:

**First, to recover stronger, we must recover together.**

Government could not solve the world drugs problem on its own. We need a whole government and whole society approach that also includes family and community.

**Second, international cooperation is key.**

Indonesia calls upon States to work together to disrupt and dismantle criminal groups, including through intelligence gathering and information sharing, as well as tracking and recovering financial gain from illicit drug trade.

**Third, rule of law and law enforcement as deterrent effect.**

Firm law enforcement approach against organized criminal groups involved in illicit drug trafficking is imperative, considering the serious threats they posed to individuals, the families and society.

With full respect of State's sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, non-intervention, and rule of law.

**Madame Chair,  
Distinguished delegates,**

As part of our commitment on this issue, allow me to announce Indonesia's candidacy as member of CND year 2024-2027. We fervently hope all member states would be able to lend their valuable support for our candidature.

In closing, Indonesia will continue its longstanding cooperation with the international community in our joint efforts to tackle the world's drug problem.

Thank you.