



STATEMENT BY

**DR. PETRUS REINHARD GOLOSE
HEAD OF THE NATIONAL NARCOTICS BOARD
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

**AT THE 66TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON
NARCOTIC DRUGS**

VIENNA, 13-17 MARCH 2023

**Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,**

I would like to congratulate you, Ambassador Miguel Camilo Ruiz Blanco, as Chair of the 66th session of the Commission and assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation.

Indonesia associates itself with the statements by the group G77 and China and the Asia-Pacific Group and would like to add the following in its national capacity.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the global economy, public health, and people's way of life. It has prompted governments to take drastic measures to limit the spread of the coronavirus.

Meanwhile, the pandemic also triggered economic downturns in many countries and not the least in Indonesia. In turn, illicit activities driven by economic needs became a push factor in the production, transportation and trade in illicit drugs.

During the pandemic, the techniques and modus operandi used have shifted. We have witnessed an increased use of postal shipping, virtual currency, and large-scale shipment. This has also resulted in a substantial increase in methamphetamine cases in Indonesia compared to the previous year.

Despite these challenges, Indonesia is strongly committed to implementing its obligations under international drug control treaties. Our commitment is

also enshrined in the 2023 National Priority Programme which includes the following measures:

First, preventing and countering trafficking in drugs and precursor substances;

Second, strengthening drug abuse prevention and rehabilitation.

Mr. Chairman,

Indonesia continues to implement international prevention standard in its national demand reduction strategies, ranging from education and prevention, to post rehabilitation or after care programs.

This is done in pursuit of the objective of a society free from drug abuse and to promote the health, welfare and well-being of all individuals, families and communities.

In the area of rehabilitation, our rehabilitation centers are equipped with a sophisticated programme for people in need of special treatment, such as children and women.

Mr. Chairman,

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

For those reasons, my delegation would like to reiterate Indonesia's candidature for CND membership for the 2024 – 2027 term and hopes for the valuable support of all member states.

Finally, my delegation would like to take this opportunity to express my government's interest in hosting the 45th Session of the Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific (HONLAP) this year.

I thank you.