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*Tema: “Strengthening the role of parliamentarians in ensuring the effectiveness of development resources in support of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals”*

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**OPENING REMARKS**

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- *His Excellency:*
  - *Dr. H. Ade Komarudin – Speaker of the Indonesian House of Representatives;*
  - *Prof. Bambang Brodjonegoro – Minister of National Development Planning of Indonesia;*
  - *Mr. Agus Rahardjo –Chair of the Anti-Corruption Commission of Indonesia*
- *Excellencies, Members of Parliament from Malaysia, Timor-Leste, Thailand, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Morocco;*
- *Excellencies, Members of GOPAC*
- *Excellencies, Members of Indonesian House of Representatives*
- *Excellencies, representatives from UNDP, Islamic Development Bank, and Westminster Foundation for Democracy, supporters of this program;*
- *Distinguished Guests, Ladies, and Gentlemen.*

*Assalamu 'alaikum Warrahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.*

It is an honour for me to have the opportunity to welcome you in this **Regional Workshop on Development Effectiveness to Implement the SDGs**, which will be opened by the Speaker of Indonesian House of Representatives, Dr. H. Ade Komarudin.

On behalf of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC), allow me to extend my gratitude to the *United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*, *Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)*, and *Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD)*, who have worked together with us for this program; and also the Indonesian House of Representative for hosting this event. I sincerely hope that this could be a momentum for Parliamentarians, especially in the Southeast and South Asia Region, as well as civil society, relevant institutions and stakeholders to gather, evaluate, and encourage the achievement of the SDGs.

*Excellencies, Honorable Delegates,*

*Ladies and gentlemen,*

In the next two days, we will have a number of discussions under the theme: *“Strengthening the role of parliamentarians in ensuring the effectiveness of development resources in support of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.”* Following the global commitment stated in *“Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,”* international society is now committed to achieve more ambitious new sustainable development agendas. It builds on progress made since the Millennium Declaration, and seeks to reduce poverty and inequality, improve people’s lives, promote peace, security, good governance, and the rule of law. Many voices, including those of parliamentarians have helped shape the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). All state institutions are also expected to take part in implementing the SDGs at national and international levels.

With the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) now well within view, the time has come for the world community to turn its attention to the key question of implementation. A constellation of effective processes, institutions and legal frameworks will need to be created or fine-tuned; both at the national and global level, as well as undertaking a comprehensive oversight mechanism to support implementation of the SDGs consistently and over a long period of time. This purpose, I believe is what brings us all in today's meeting.

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

This agenda is initiated by GOPAC in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Islamic Development Bank (ISDB) and Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD).

I am delighted to inform you that our cooperation brings a fruitful result by established Handbook for Parliamentarians that can be useful as a guideline to help member of parliamentarians in monitoring the development fund, as well as supervision of the implementation process of SDGs

Although this handbook is not a faultless remedy for development but hopefully this handful guidance will be beneficial as an assessment tool to promote accountability in SDGs implementation.

*Distinguished Delegates,*

As Members of Parliaments, we should realize our pivotal role in the implementation of SDGs. We are powerful agents of change. It is by ratifying international agreements, translating the SDGs into enforceable national laws that respond to country-specific development priorities, monitoring their implementation and ensuring government is accountable to the people for national progress on the SDGs, that parliaments can drive that change. Through our constitutional mandates, parliamentarians can be valuable partners in ensuring accountable, inclusive, participatory, and transparent sustainable development for all.

One of the most crucial processes in the implementation of SDGs is the management of development aid, either obtained from the national budget or granted by international donor agencies. The use of this large amount of funds should be monitored thoroughly, assuring its transparency and accountability. Hence, Parliaments along with other stakeholders should assure that development process really benefits the targeted population. Parliaments could also encourage accountability at all levels, by regularly holding hearings and requesting plenary reports, parliaments can bring the SDGs to the attention of the public and the media, thereby. In representing those who elected them, and offering a platform for communication, parliaments can ensure an ongoing dialogue with citizen, private sector, and civil society organizations over the SDGs.

*Distinguished Delegates,*

We are well aware that to achieve these SDGs objectives many challenges that we should overcome (of course, just a handbook and workshop are not enough).

One of the biggest obstacles to achieve our goals is the endemic disease called corruption.

Corruption is a cancer in the global society. As it is not only affected one nation but no nations are immune to this malignancy. Combating corruption has become concern for both national and international agendas.

Tackling corruption is neither easy nor quick. It needs strong commitment and political will. For this reason, the role of parliamentarians has drawn considerable attention as part of an anti-corruption strategy.

In this honor, the Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC), together with our members and partners, is working tirelessly to put an end to these crimes. Our mission to make governments more accountable and transparent is an ambitious one

In Indonesia, GOPAC has been established in 2012. Currently, in 2016, GOPAC Indonesia consists of 61 members. They are current or former legislators, or legislators who have been denied their right to take office. Their collaboration is non-partisan

GOPAC Indonesia aims to improve the capacity building of parliamentarians, as well as assist and support parliamentarians in their advocacy and legislation to make governments accountable and transparent.

Although GOPAC establishment is not a panacea to combat corruption, yet the establishment of GOPAC Indonesia provide long-term undertaking in commitment and collaboration for the anti-corruption movement.

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

To conclude this speech, allow me to take this opportunity to Re-Launch GOPAC Indonesia National Chapter period 2014-2019.

Through GOPAC Indonesia, we collaborate taking action together in the fight against corruption to make the world a better place for the generations to come.

**Thank you.**

*Wassalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.*

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