



**INDONESIA'S COUNTRY STATEMENT**  
**16<sup>TH</sup> Conference of the State Parties of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

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I thank you Mr. Chair,

1. We align our statement to the Statements delivered by Malaysia on behalf of ASEAN and by Australia on behalf of MIKTA.
2. Since its ratification of CRPD, Indonesia has achieved several milestones, reflecting its commitment to fulfilling its commitment.
  - a. One of the most recent ones is the establishment of an independent National Commission on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities last year,  
→ to closely observe the national commitment to the agenda.
  - b. Also last year, we successfully conducted a comprehensive and constructive dialogue with the Committee of the Convention, on the implementation of the Convention.
3. The achievement of these milestones was not coming without challenges.  
→ As a country of more than 275 million people, spread across more than 17.000 islands – geographical and social complexities, are among the tangible challenges we face.
4. Learning from our experience, we would like to share three important points to harmonize and turn national policies and strategies into reality.

5. **First**, integration of **data is vital to provide solid foundation** for policies and strategies.

In Indonesia, data collection on persons with disabilities is mainstreamed within the National Integrated Welfare Data.

Centralized under the Ministry of Social Affairs, it allows the Government to maintain granular focus on the wellbeing of persons with disabilities and their families.

Until now, within the 100 million people covered by the program, particular care has been provided to more than 1 million persons with disabilities.

6. **Second**, the **integration of the rights of persons with disabilities** must never be an afterthought.

In Indonesia, the mainstreaming and integration of the rights of persons with disabilities, has been conducted comprehensively in all stages of development policies and plans.

One of the concrete examples is the inclusion of disabilities-responsive perspective in disaster risk reduction agendas...

→ where the special needs of disabilities are being taken-into account in the designing of early warning systems.

7. **Last, paradigm shift is needed**, to see persons with disabilities beyond just as beneficiaries to policies.

In the past few years, Indonesia has implemented Nusantara Economy Heroes.

It is a training and mentorship program, that aims to strengthen people's capacities and skills to contribute to economic development.

→ One of the results are family-based micro, small, and medium enterprises in culinary and service sectors.

Now the program has reached ten thousand families across Indonesia, within which is a significant number of persons with disabilities.

**Mr. Chair**

8. Indonesia is committed to also share these good experiences at regional and global levels.
9. It is within our fervent understanding that it takes everyone to ensure the meaningful implementation of CRPD for all persons with disabilities.

I thank you,

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