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OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

**SPEECH OF THE SPEAKER ON
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DPR RI AND DPD RI**

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Assalamualaikum warrahmatullahi wabarakatuh

Prosperous greetings for everyone

Om swastiastu

Namo buddhaya

Greetings of virtue

Thank you to the Chairperson of the People's Consultative Assembly for reminding us all about the importance of the role and existence of state institutions. As we know, following the amendments to the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia, the governance system, position, and authority of state institutions changed.

The change underlined that cooperation between different institutions is vital. We may be able to exercise some areas of authority on our own, but require the involvement of other institutions in other areas. The presence of our state institutions today also reflect a balance of power.

Now, allow me to deliver the Address of the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia in this Joint Assembly with the Regional Representative Council.

- **Your Excellency**, President of the Republic of Indonesia, Mr. Joko Widodo
- **Your Excellency**, Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia, Mr. K.H. Ma'ruf Amin,
- **Your Excellency**, The 5th President Republik Indonesia, Ibu Megawati Soekarnoputri
- **Your Excellency**, The 6th President of the Republic of Indonesia, Bapak Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono
- **Your Excellency**, The 6th Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia, Bapak Try Sutrisno
- **Your Excellency**, The 9th Vice President of The Republic of Indonesia, Bapak Hamzah Haz
- **Your Excellency**, The 10th and 12th Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia, Bapak Muhammad Jusuf Kalla

- **Your Excellency**, the 11th Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia, Bapak Boediono
- **Distinguished**, Chair and Deputy Chair of MPR RI
- **Distinguished**, Vice Speakers and Members of DPR RI,
- **Distinguished**, Speaker, Vice Speakers and Members of DPD RI,
- **Distinguished**, Chair and Deputy Chairs of State Institutions,
- **Distinguished**, Advanced Indonesia Cabinet Minister,
- **Your Excellency**, Ambassadors and Representatives of Friendly Countries,
- **Distinguished**, Chairs of Political Parties and
- **Distinguished**, Invitees and Audience who attend the session in-person or virtually, and
- **Esteemed people of Indonesia**

In the name of God the most merciful and benevolent, allow me to open the Joint Assembly

of the House of Representatives and the Regional Representative Council of the Republic of Indonesia in this auspicious morning. This assembly is officially opened for the public.

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We extend our thanks and gratitude to Allah the Glorious and Most Exalted, the One and Only God, because it is only with His compassion, blessings, and favor that we are able to convene in this Joint Assembly this morning to carry out our constitutional duty.

This year Joint Session is a bit different from the previous years. This is due to pandemic situation. The Annual Session of MPR RI and the Joint Session between DPR and DPD are combined into one continuous session.

Mr. President and Mr. Vice President, esteemed audience and all the people of Indonesia

Presently, we are all exerting various measures to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic, which has caused widespread impacts to all aspects of life of our people and to the way we govern. **The pandemic brings about significant threats to the safety of our people, to our economy and our households, and to the welfare of our people.**

Up to August 13, 2020, we record 132,816 cases of Covid-19 in 34 provinces and 480 districts/municipalities. As many as 87,588 people have recovered, while 5,765 people lost their lives.

In terms of the national economy, the growth drivers of the national economy contracted. In the

second quarter of the year, economic growth contracted to minus 5.32% (year on year). All sectors, including small businesses, have been disrupted and this has led to falling income, growing unemployment rate, increasing poverty rate, and the overall decline of the people's welfare.

Faced by an unprecedented non-natural disaster of this proportion, **the State is needed to protect its people from the threat of a health crisis, the threat of an economic crisis, and the threat of a welfare crisis by taking extraordinary measures** through various policies and programs to mitigate Covid-19 and its impacts, improve response capability of our health sector, expand social protection, impose large-scale social restrictions, and accelerate economic recovery.

Law Number 2 of 2020 concerning the Policy on State Finances and Financial System Stability to

Respond to Covid-19 Pandemic and/or In Response to Harmful Threats to the National Economy and/or Financial System Stability affords **the Government sufficient room of authority** to exercise fiscal policies, state finances policies, and financial system policies in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and its impacts.

To ensure the safety of our people is the foremost principle to uphold in running a government. This principle has become even more relevant in face of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is therefore imperative that the efforts and policies taken by the state to protect its people are supported by everyone. Meanwhile, **the people demands for the Government to perform at its best, to be responsive, agile, and united** in implementing the various programs it has designed that aim to protect the people, to

help the people, and to reinvigorate the social and economic life of Indonesia.

The new normal, new habit, and new behavior needed to adapt with Covid-19 and the national economy recovery are the aspiration of the people of Indonesia. The government is expected to act effectively through policies, cross-sector coordination, fiscal and monetary instruments, and by consolidating existing potentials and resources, to recover Indonesia's social and economic activities.

We need to appreciate the partnership and collaboration of all elements of this nation as demonstrated by the Central Government, Regional Governmen, doctors, health workers, Covid-19 Taskforce, the Indonesian Armed Forces, the Indonesian Police, State-Owned Enterprises, private companies, volunteers, and community members in responding to the Covid-

19 pandemic. **It is that spirit of collaboration that has empowered us in facing the adversity that is Covid-19.**

Mr. President and Mr. Vice President, esteemed audience and all the people of Indonesia

In just three days, on August 17, 2020, we celebrate the 75th Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia. Aside from being the day when we honor the service of our heroes who sacrificed themselves, body and soul, for our independence so that we could be free of colonialism, it is also a momentum for us to reflect back on **the long journey that Indonesia has embarked as a nation. A journey filled with turns and changes that usher in new motions, a journey where the tides ebb and flow and lead us to the Indonesia that we know today.**

Moments after delivering his speech on August 17, 1945, Soekarno, who declared the independence of Indonesia, said, **“Today, we are free. We are tied to nothing and no one. From this day onward, we are in charge of our Country! A country that is free, the Republic of Indonesia that is free for perpetuity. God willing, God bless our freedom!”**

The core of a Free Indonesia lies in the power that we have in our hands to determine the fate of our nation and homeland, to realize an independent, united, fair, and prosperous Indonesia.

Indonesia has gone through a long journey to shape the power to determine the fate of its nation and homeland. In the 75 years of that process, Indonesia has experienced various stages of development in many aspects, from governance, democracy system, government system,

development approach, government administration, to institutional relationship.

Building Indonesia has an extensive meaning and refers to all kinds of development that takes place in all aspects of the nation and society in pursuit of the goals and ideals offered by our independence as stated in the Preamble of the 1945 Constitution.

The goal of the development carried out by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia are explicitly stated in paragraph four of the 1945 Constitution, which reads: "To protect all people and territory of Indonesia and to promote public welfare, educating the nation and participate in a global order that is based on freedom, perpetual peace and social justice."

To realize that goal, we need Development Politics to manage, govern, and control the resources of

this nation and country, and to direct their use to build our nation's strength. The direction of development politics is critical in a development process. **Without a clear political aim, a development process is a vessel without a compass.** Without a strong leadership that has clear vision and mission, a development process is a vessel without its captain that sails towards destruction because it fails to avoid a rock in the sea or is capsized and drowned by the storm.

“Advanced Indonesia” is the theme of the 75th Independence Day celebration of the Republic of Indonesia and reflects the resolute that we all share to steer the national development politics so that ‘Advanced Indonesia’ can be realized in every aspect of our nation’s life.

The Covid-19 pandemic is a test to the progress that Indonesia has achieved today in various areas. It shows us areas of improvement that we need to work on and pursue to realize Advanced Indonesia:

- We need to improve the availability of our health services and make healthcare equitable for every single Indonesian across the archipelago;
- We need to strengthen our disaster management system to make the system even more integrated and well-coordinated;
- We need to refine our social security and social protection systems;
- We need to strengthen our legislations to prevent an economic crisis;
- We also need regulations that can align fiscal policy authorities and monetary policy authorities to face an economic crisis

Today, we are living in a modern era that is dynamic and open socially, culturally, economically, and politically, and at the same time surrounded by a growing global competition. As a nation and state, we are demanded to build our capability and strength in politics, economy, social, and culture so that we can determine the fate of our nation and homeland with the power that comes from our sovereignty.

In the 75 years of Indonesia's Independence, we have attained much progress. Our progress has always followed the progress of civilization, which continually evolves and presents new challenges. Therefore, to realize Advanced Indonesia, **we need to have the agility to keep abreast with the rapid development of the world in many areas.**

To accelerate Advanced Indonesia with its political, social, cultural, and economic strengths,

our Development Politics going forward needs to focus on accelerating Indonesia's Human Development, the strengthening of our national food industry, the robust management of our national industry, the equitable implementation of infrastructure development, and the optimization of bureaucracy reform.

Indonesia also upholds the rule of law. Therefore, the spirit of "Advanced Indonesia" need to be adopted as a common goal in our Legal Development to meet fulfill our nation's needs of strong legal instruments dan framework. Our legislations need to support our goal as a nation and bring us towards becoming an Advanced Indonesia. Our need of a legal framework will change as the world evolves, but our legislations must be founded upon Pancasila as our core philosophy, the 1945 Constitution as the highest

legal basis, the Unitary State of the Republic Indonesia, the United in Diversity as our consensus, and social justice as our foundation. **It is high time that legislations and regulations that we inherited from the colonial era are substituted by legislations and regulations formulated by the Indonesia that is independent that accommodates our cultural, social, and sociological values of Indonesia.**

Advanced Indonesia also encompasses regional development. To sustain regional development and advancement, in December we are going to organize regional elections to elect the leaders of our districts and municipalities and their deputies concurrently in several regions. This is a party of democracy that is part of Indonesia's political process towards a more democratic, transparent, accountable, and responsible political life. For our citizens in the

regions where the elections are held, we look forward to their active participation to elect the best leaders who will be able to bring advancement to our regions. We also put our hope to our political parties, which are the pillar of democracy and are vital for our political and democracy systems. We expect the political parties to **actively set an example of exercising democratic politics founded upon Pancasila.**

To realize Advanced Indonesia, our **Development Politics also need to open room and access of participation for the people of Indonesia.** Every citizen holds the same responsibility to contribute to national interests.

Soekarno said, *“My battle of driving out the colonizers is easy. Your battle is onerous because you will be dealing with your countryman and women.”* This message suggests **how vital our nation’s unity is in building Indonesia.** To build

Indonesia, we need every individual to contribute. **Every citizen has to stand together and collaborate. Our unity needs to be inspired by our love for the homeland and for Indonesia as a nation bound by Pancasila and Unity in Diversity.**

The cooperation and collaboration of all of us, the People's Consultative Assembly, the House of Representatives, the Regional Representative Council and the Government, each element has its tasks, each element has its duty, one responsibility for the common goal of Indonesia: **All for Indonesia, Indonesia for all.**

Building upon the spirit of our declaration of independence on August 17, 1945, **let us unite to shape our strength as nation and state,** so that we can the fate of our nation and homeland can be determined by our own hands: "We are strong

because we are united, we are united because we are strong.”

This is our resolve, to unite for Indonesia.

Mr. President and Vice President, Distinguished Guests, and Esteemed People of Indonesia

Now, we will give time to the President to deliver his state address in commemoration of the 75th Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia before this joint assembly of the House of Representatives and the Regional Representative Council. Mr President, the time and floor is yours.

STATE ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT RI

Thank you, Mr President for delivering his address in commemoration of the 75th Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia.

Next, we would like to invite Prof. Dr. Nasarudin Umar, Great Imam of the Istiqlal Mosque to recite the prayer.

PRAYER BY THE GREAT IMAM

Thank you to Prof. Dr. Nasarudin Umar, The Great Imam of Istiqlal Mosque for reciting the prayer. May Allah SWT, God the Almighty grant us our prayer. Amin.

Mr. President and Vice President, Distinguished Guests, and Esteemed People of Indonesia

This is the end of DPR and DPD Joint Session today. We would like to thank everyone for their contribution so that the session went well and

smoothly. Allow me to close this session by reciting *alhamdulillahirobil'alamin*.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY REPUBLIK INDONESIA
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LET'S BUILD THE SPIRIT;
LET'S BUILD THE PHYSIQUE ;
FOR INDONESIA
MERDEKA !**

Thank you

***Wassalamu'alaikum warohmatullahi
wabarokatuh.***

Om shanti shanti shanti om

Namo buddhaya

Jakarta, 14 August 2020

**SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
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signed

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