



4th MIKTA Speakers' Consultation

Chair's Statement

The Leaders of the Parliament of Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Turkey, Australia and the representatives of Mexico gathered in Bali, Indonesia, on 15-17 September 2018 at the fourth MIKTA Speakers' Consultation. This Consultation was held at a time where the roles of parliament are more crucial than ever: to shape new dynamics of national politics which leads to global peace and prosperity.

As a new innovative partnership, MIKTA was established to promote collaborative actions amidst the rapidly changing global dynamics. MIKTA members are like minded democracies with common interests in strengthening global governance by upholding the principles of multilateralism.

We are witnessing increased threats to global peace and security, economic uncertainties, socio-cultural challenges as well as environmental degradations. These global challenges require MIKTA to take stronger collective efforts through a more inclusive partnership.

The overarching theme of this year's MIKTA Speaker's Consultation is "Creating Peace and Prosperity: The Role of Parliament" aimed at underlining the vital role of parliament in ensuring policies and actions towards peace and prosperity of our people.

Today, the Leaders of Parliament of MIKTA had a fruitful exchange of views on: a) Creative Industries to Support Inclusive Economic Growth; b) Maintaining Peace and Security: Empowering the United Nations (UN); c) The Role of Women in Peace and Security; and, d) Maritime Cooperation for Sustainable Growth and Prosperity.

The Consultation welcomed various MIKTA initiatives held under the coordinator ship of Indonesia dedicated to foster a more inclusive economic growth, such as MIKTA Experts Meeting on Inclusive Digital Economy Hub and MIKTA Start Up Fest. The Consultation looked forward to the participation of MIKTA at the upcoming World Conference on Creative Economy (WCCE) hosted by Indonesia in November 2018.

We shared common concern on the lack of capacity of the global architecture in particular the UN and its Security Council in addressing global peace and security issues. Indonesia as the newly elected non-permanent member of the UN Security Council 2019-2020 is committed to translate MIKTA objective to strengthening the UN's architecture in maintaining international peace and security.

Indonesia emphasized the importance to develop synergy between peacebuilding and sustainable development as a means to promote global peace and prosperity. In this respect, inter-parliamentary cooperation is fundamental to support such synergy, including through the 2nd World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development (WPFSD). At its WPFSD latest meeting this September in Bali, it underlined four commitments as follows: 1) to scale up efforts to raise awareness among parliaments; 2) to establish the necessary mechanism to work closely with the government and other stakeholders through parliamentary function on legislation, budgeting and oversight in the achievement of SDGs; 3) to take follow up actions to the outcomes of WPFSD through partnership with other stakeholders; 4) to continue regular holding of WPFSD as a key global parliamentarian forum to achieve SDGs.

We also underlined the need to provide a better legislative framework to not just protect and prevent women from becoming the victims of conflicts but also to engage their active participation as the agent of sustainable peace and security. The Consultation reiterated the importance of enhancing women's participation in peace building and conflict resolution including through the provision of regulatory framework of women in peacekeeping and peacebuilding process and enhancement of their leadership in decision-making circle and process.

We shared common believe that the sea holds the key to economic growth, food security resources as well as solution to curb the impact of climate change. However, the oceans are under immense pressure due to adverse impact of human activities. We stressed the importance of maritime cooperation between MIKTA members to advance further economic growth and achieve sustainable use of oceans as well as contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Indonesia pays particular concern in strengthening inter-parliamentary networks aiming to promote greater maritime cooperation including through the newly initiatives of the Indonesia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (IPPF). Indonesia conveyed that it will host the fifth Our Ocean Conference on 29-30 October 2018 and invited all MIKTA countries to participate.

The House of Representatives of Indonesia thanked all MIKTA Leaders of Parliaments for their active contribution and participation during this year's Consultation. The Consultation looked forward to furthering MIKTA's cooperation in 2019 when Mexico assumes the coordinator ship.

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