

REMARKS BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS AT THE LAUNCHING EVENT OF INDONESIA CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR NUCLEAR SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning,

It is indeed still fresh in our memory the Nuclear Security Summit that has been held in the Hague last March. The Summit has agreed upon "The Hague Communique" which among others comprises the main responsibilities and collective commitments by all countries to continue the efforts to strengthen nuclear security through cooperation at the national, regional and global level.

In line with the Government of Indonesia's commitment, as also has been

conveyed by the President and the Vice President during the Nuclear Security Summit on 2010, 2012, and 2014, our Government has successfully taken up its responsibility and its commitment, by: (i) ratified International Convention for Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT); (ii) preparing National Legislation Implementation Kit on Nuclear Security (NLIK); and (iii) strengthening national legislation through by outlining a Bill on Nuclear Security.

By having nuclear facilities, Indonesia has taken advantages on nuclear material and radioactive sources by utilizing them in the form of nuclear reactor as well as using the materials and sources for hospital and industry purposes. In this conjunction, Indonesia is demanded to have various international regulation on nuclear safety and nuclear security as regulated by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

In addition, as a country prone to natural disaster, it is also our duty to have good preparedness mechanism to deal with disaster, including natural disaster. Such mechanism should be credible and fulfilled international standards. In this regard, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomes and fully supports Nuclear Energy Regulatory Agency's initiative to establish Indonesia Center of Excellence for Nuclear Security and Emergency Preparedness (I-CoNSEP) as a national coordination center that hopefully in the future becoming a Center of Excellence for nuclear security and nuclear preparedness.

We believe that national coordination under the framework of I-CoNSEP could enhance our national ability to strengthen the security of nuclear material and other radioactive sources.

In line with directive and commitment by our President which was conveyed during the Nuclear Security Summit, various activities that will be held under the framework of I-CoNSEP to coordinate and to materialize the action plan in strengthening national nuclear security, is expected to set the standards in enhancing nuclear security at the national, regional and international level.

In this opportunity, once again, we would like to convey that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the cornerstone of Indonesia's foreign policy is always open to cooperate with Nuclear Energy Regulatory Agency and National Disaster Management Agency, to support the materialization of I-CoNSEP through international cooperation with international and regional organization, including with partner countries.

Last but not least, let us reiterate our commitment through national coordination on nuclear security for a secure, peaceful, and prosperous Indonesia.

I thank you.

Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

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