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In recent years, there has been a visible and perceptible change in climate on a global scale, rendering many parts of the world vulnerable to its negative impact. Global warming and thereby induced climate change have become one of the major challenges of this century for the international community.

For Indonesia, the negative impact of global warming and climate change is many-fold. The forecast warns of an increased level of temperature as well as the rise of sea level. The archipelagic construction and the geological structure of the country makes it susceptible to an array of natural disasters related to climate such as flood, drought, storm, landslide and forest fires which have taken their toll in human losses as well as in the economic and social infrastructure. The concentration of population along the coastal line and in urban areas, high population level in urban areas, fragile ecosystems as well as economic activities still dependent on fossil fuel further aggravate the situation.

Against this backdrop, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia has adopted several measures to counter the impacts of climate change. The introduction of a National Energy Policy in 2006, the National Action Plan addressing climate change in 2007, the promotion of green energy, the development of renewable energy as well as the protection and preservation of tropical rain forests are some of the concrete steps

which demonstrate the strong commitment of the Government to address the threat of climate change.

The Government of Indonesia clearly recognizes the significance of the reduction of Greenhouse Gas emissions in the efforts to stem global warming and climate change. As such, this issue is at the focal point of the attention of the Government. Moreover, it has underlined its commitment to join the international efforts in slowing down the negative impact of climate change by reducing Indonesia's Greenhouse emission by 26% by 2020 from Business As Usual, and by up to 41% with international support.

Efforts to combat the negative impact of climate change must however be effected in close correlation with the endeavors to pursue economic development and to alleviate poverty. Economic needs must be met in order that the people can better protect their environment. To this end, the Government of Indonesia has calibrated its strategy focused on pro-growth, pro-poor and pro-job to merge with the pro-environment policies.

In this context, the Government of Indonesia appreciated the assistance rendered by friendly countries around the world, including Germany. Over the years, bilateral relations between Germany and Indonesia have been marked by steadily increasing cooperation which is constructive in outlook and mutually beneficial in spirit. In December 2009, this cooperation, focused on the efforts related to climate change since 2008, has received a fresh momentum when leaders of the two countries, H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, and H.E. Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, have agreed to establish an Environmental Partnership during the former's visit in Germany.

Being aware of the significance of developing the consciousness for climate change and its impact among the people, the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Berlin fully supports the convening of the conference on 'Technology Cooperation and Economic Benefit of reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emission in Indonesia' held by the Association of Indonesian Specialists and Academicians in Germany (IASI) in Hamburg on 1-2 November 2010. We invest our hope that the Conference will be able to provide actionable and implementable recommendations for the solutions to greenhouse gas problems in Indonesia. This conference will also offer some new ideas on how to bridge

capacity building and technology cooperation in the fields of energy, especially between Indonesia and Germany to the benefit of both countries.

I fervently hope that all participants in the Conference will be actively engaged in constructive and productive discussion. I wish all of you a successful Conference.



Berlin, 9 July 2010

Eddy Pratomo

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