

Speech by Siti Khoirun Ni'mah at the Australian Embassy in Jakarta
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Distinguished representatives of the Embassy of Australia, colleagues, and friends,

Good afternoon. It is a great pleasure to have this opportunity to meet and exchange perspectives with the Embassy of Australia. We highly appreciate Australia's longstanding commitment to democracy, human rights, inclusive development, and the strengthening of civil society engagement in this region.

INFID, as a network of civil society organizations in Indonesia, has long standing to advance social justice, democratic governance, human rights, and sustainable development. In the context of Indonesia's OECD accession process, INFID seeks to play a constructive role by facilitating dialogue between civil society, government, and international partners, while ensuring that the perspectives of affected communities are meaningfully represented. We believe that the accession process should not only focus on economic standards, but also promote accountability, transparency, environmental sustainability, and respecting human rights.

Today's meeting provides an important opportunity to deepen dialogue and explore potential collaboration on issues of shared concern, including responsible business conduct, social justice, civic participation, and inclusive policy-making processes. We believe that constructive engagement between civil society organizations and diplomatic partners is essential to advancing accountability and ensuring that development benefits all communities, particularly those most affected by inequality and exclusion, including women, persons with disabilities, and Indigenous peoples.

In the context of Indonesia's accession process to the OECD, we see this as an important opportunity for civil society organizations to engage meaningfully and contribute to ensuring that the process is inclusive, participatory, and grounded in human rights principles. We are committed to supporting this process by advocating for the respect and fulfilment of human rights, and by ensuring that the voices of affected communities are heard and represented.

In this regard, we greatly value Australia's support and partnership in strengthening this initiative and fostering collaboration among stakeholders.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the Diplomacy Training Program, Patrick, You Qi, and Serena, for generously sharing their knowledge and extensive experience in strengthening the capacity of civil society organizations to engage with OECD mechanisms and processes.

We look forward to a productive and meaningful discussion today, and we hope this meeting will further strengthen collaboration and partnership between us.

Thank you.

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