

STATEMENT OF CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF INDONESIA GENERAL DEBATE OF THE 76TH UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 7 OCTOBER 2025

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Mr. High Commissioner, Excellencies,

- 1. Indonesia aligns itself with the statements delivered by the groups it belongs to.
- As the world faces more than one hundred active conflicts... from the atrocities in Gaza to Myanmar... we are deeply concerned by the growing disregard for international humanitarian law, leading to unprecedented civilian casualties and attacks against humanitarian personnel.
- 3. We pay tribute to UNHCR staff serving in the most dangerous contexts and honour those who have fallen, making the ultimate sacrifice for humanity.
- 4. **It is more important than ever** for States to reaffirm their commitment to multilateralism and to international law.
- 5. As reiterated by our President during the UNGA High-Level Week, Indonesia stands ready to uphold peace and humanity.
- 6. This spirit is also reflected in Indonesia's role as a member of the Ministerial Group for the Protection of Humanitarian Personnel, which recently adopted a Political Declaration.

Mr. High Commissioner,

7. As a transit country frequently receiving Rohingya refugees by sea... Indonesia has witnessed firsthand their immense suffering that has been worsened by exploitation from transnational criminal networks.



- 8. We believe that the plight of the Rohingya people **must not fade from the world's attention**.
- 9. Indonesia continues to work closely with ASEAN to address the root causes in Myanmar, as their situation is inseparable from the ongoing political and humanitarian crisis there.
- 10. We commend all efforts to enhance resilience and expand durable solutions for Rohingya refugees.
- 11. We have also scaled up our overall humanitarian contributions to international organizations and through bilateral channels since 2023.
- 12. Moreover, Indonesia has fulfilled most of its Global Refugee Forum pledges, including:
 - → Providing access to primary and secondary education for refugee children; and
 - → Strengthening our overseas civil registration system to prevent statelessness.

Mr. Chair,

- 13. Indonesia supports UNHCR's efforts to overcome unprecedented budgetary challenges while maintaining its commitment to deliver meaningful results for those in need.
- 14. We view this moment not only as a challenge... but also as an opportunity to identify gaps, enhance efficiency, and strengthen UNHCR's adaptability...
- 15. We encourage UNHCR to continue diversifying its donor base and deepening engagement with a broad range of stakeholders.
- 16. Specifically, we suggest strengthening collaboration with faith-based organizations, which have long served as important partners in humanitarian action and resource mobilization.



- 17. For example, our National Amil Zakat Agency... have mobilized a tremendous amount of support to help alleviate the ongoing crisis in Gaza.
- 18. These faith-based and grassroots organizations are also indispensable partners for UNHCR... particularly in a religious and community-based society such as in Indonesia and in many other countries... where they serve as bridges that foster understanding, trust, and solidarity between refugees and host communities.
- 19. This approach fully aligns with the spirit of localization within the humanitarian reset framework currently being advanced.

Mr. High Commissioner,

- 20. To conclude, while you have humbly said that this is not yet your farewell... Indonesia wishes to convey its deepest appreciation for your decade of dedicated leadership in protecting and assisting millions of displaced persons worldwide.
- 21. We also recognize your strong engagement in our region... particularly in strengthening regional mechanisms, such as the Bali Process, to better respond to irregular movements and humanitarian challenges.

Thank you.

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