



**Statement by
The Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia
At the
Special Session Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the International
Seabed Authority**

Kingston, Jamaica, 22 July 2014

Mr. President,

H.E. Mr. Nii Allotey Odunton, Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority,

Distinguished guest speakers,

Distinguished fellow delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

At the outset, let me join the previous speakers in congratulating the International Seabed Authority on its 20th Anniversary.

Allow me also to thank the Authority for holding this special session, and the Government of Jamaica for its kind hospitality accorded to all delegation to the the ISA Session.

My delegation would like to thank Ambassador Thomson from Fiji who previously conveyed the remarks on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Group.

Allow me to take this opportunity to deliver some points on behalf of Indonesia.

Mr. President,

Today we are not only celebrating twenty years time frames, but also decades before that in the endeavor of translating “common heritage of mankind” from a concept to a tangible reality. The 20th Anniversary of the Authority and its accomplishment emphasize that we are moving to the right direction in realizing our common goal.

Today, we are honored to have the forefathers of ISA among us, including Ambassador Hasjim Djalal, Ambassador Satya Nandan, Ambassador Tommy Koh, and the other forefathers of the Authority as the guests of honor of the ISA. We look forward to continue the advances of the Authority in the upcoming years as how the forefathers had started.

Mr. President,

We highly commend the work of the Authority in promoting the fulfillment of objectives of the UNCLOS. In that connection, we extend our appreciation to the Secretary General Nii Odunton, for his work and we look forward to work closely in the years to come.

Indonesia welcomes the accomplishment of the Authority in adopting regulations on polymetallic nodules and polymetallic sulphides as well as cobalt-rich crust. Indonesia believes that, in adopting these regulations, the Authority placed an important role in ensuring that the marine environment is protected from any harmful effects which may arise during exploration and exploitation activities in the Area. This supports the objective of the Authority in protecting and developing deep ocean riches as the “common heritage of mankind”.

Indonesia also welcomes the establishment of the Voluntary Trust Fund and Endowment Fund to support participation of members from developing states. We trust that in the near future, actions to support developing member states to be

involved in international seabed affairs will be increased to ensure their rights to the common heritage.

Mr. President,

Indonesia has always been highly involved with the Authority since its founding. Ambassador Hasjim Djalal of Indonesia was appointed as the first President of the ISA Assembly. Indonesia also served as a member of the Finance Committee and the Legal and Technical Committee in the previous serving years. Indonesia has always been a member of the Council since 1996, and Indonesia is always committed in ensuring that the Authority in its activities are fair and equitable to all countries, especially the developing states. As the activities of the Authority are growing, Indonesia is ready to face this progress as well.

Therefore, Indonesia is ready to continue its participation as a Council Member to represent the views of net exporter states as well as to ensure geographic representation in the Council. Indonesia appreciates member states' supports for its re-election in the Council.

Mr. President,

Indonesia continues to place great importance on the role of the Authority for the implementation of Part XI of the UNCLOS and the 1994 Implementing Agreement. Therefore, Indonesia continues to support the activities of the Authority in ensuring equitable distribution of the common heritage for all mankind.

On the other hand, we acknowledge that we still have a number of tasks to be accomplished, and after 20 years of excellent work, it is time to start working for the next 20 years.

I thank you.

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