

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
207th SESSION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Mr. Chairman

1. I thank the Director General for her report.
2. The report highlights not only challenges... but also **our potential** when we work **effectively together**.
3. At a time of geopolitical and global economic **uncertainty**... and a substantial **trust deficit** in the multilateral system...
4. We have a **responsibility to ensure**... our work in the executive board... **wage progress** and **bring positive results** to UNESCO's mission.
5. It is in this spirit that Indonesia continues to fully support the work of UNESCO... including in through promoting peace and sustainable development.
6. From literacy program and strategy under the **Global Alliance for Literacy (2020-2025)**...

7. To the “**UNESCO Emergency Multi-Donor Fund**” and “**Indonesia Funds-in-Trust**”, [10 million US dollars in total]... strengthening UNESCO’s activities with **high social impact**... including in the area of climate change... such promoting green schools... encouraging sustainable tourism and preserving biodiversity.
8. Indonesia also continuously facilitate UNESCO’s activities in the field of natural sciences... through the **Asia Pacific Centre for Ecohydrology** as a UNESCO category II centre... in Jakarta.
9. In this regard... we look forward to the Board’s endorsement for renewal of the agreement in this 207th session.
10. [Furthermore.... Indonesia has also hosted the International Co-ordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme in 2018...
11. and last September we hosted the UNESCO Global Geopark Council and Asia Pacific Geopark Network in Lombok].

Mr. Chairman,

12. Indonesia appreciates the work of the Director General... especially in efforts to achieving the SDGs.
13. The focus of UNESCO global priorities on Africa and Gender Equality... are in line with our Mid Term Strategy 2014-2021...
14. With the end of second biennium... of the second quadrennial of the Mid Term Strategy approaching...
15. The board urgent homework is to move forward on the **draft program and budget**.... to be approved by the 40th General Conference in November.
16. Our meeting this week must agree... **preferably by consensus**... on one of the budget scenarios on the table.
17. This is important... if we are to assist in reducing **trust deficit** on our multilateral system.
18. For Indonesia... we are **ready to be constructive**... Ready to **consider changes**

in our contribution... to fuel the work of the organization... in an **efficient, effective and transparent manner.**

19. Our budget must ensure that **member states benefit** from UNESCO's programs and work of the secretariat... **including adequate representation.**

20. There must also be better structure... between programs and budget... establishing a better balance between extra budgetary resources and regular budgetary resources in funding UNESCO programs.

21. Efficiency in the running of secretariat and program is key.

22. We should be prepared to take necessary measures to optimize the role and function of the organization.

23. In this regard the Strategic Transformation of the organization of UNESCO must be expedited.

24. Indonesia supports the implementation of the second phase and, the preparation of the third

phase, in conjunction with the enhancement of UNESCO program towards SDG 2030.

Mr. Chairman,

25. Two issues that have drawn our attention in recent past... is Artificial Intelligence (AI)... and Open Science.

26. Indonesia view these two issues are important and have strategic role in accelerating the achievement of SDGs.

27. We therefore appreciate Director General for her consistency works and efforts in realizing UNESCO's recommendation on these issues.

28. The issues transfer of technology and capacity building are central in discussing Artificial Intelligence (AI)... and Open Science.

29. Therefore it is important to undertake in depth discussions about these two issues immediately, especially relating to education process, and ethical aspects.

30. Discussions related to the policies and strategies on these these AI and open science

also need to be encouraged in the regional and national level.

31. Moreover.... comparative studies should also involve current implementation of AI at national level.

32. Finally, Indonesia recognizes that discussions on various decision making process in UNESCO are going on and often discussions have become more complex.

33. Indonesia reminds members that the multilateral system is under scrutiny. We need to beyond the business as usual to build confidence of international community.

34. We can no longer look for solution outside the box... but must work towards a solution without thinking of box.

Thank you.

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