



**Minister of Environment and Forestry
Republic of Indonesia
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Thank you Chair,

Indonesia appreciates the FAO's Fire Management Strategy that is focused on the Integrated Fire Management (IFM). This is in line with Indonesia's efforts and achievements in addressing forest and land fires.

In the aftermath of the 2015 catastrophic fire events, the Government rolled out a new strategy of forest and land fire management, prioritizing forest and land fire prevention. Through comprehensive regulations, Indonesia has improved the capacity in coordinating all relevant stakeholders to deal with three interrelated forest and land fire control activities: **fire prevention, fire suppression, and post-fire management.**

Peat fire was a significant part of the large forest fire and haze in 2015. Based on this experience, monitoring and peat governance have been much strengthened particularly in the private concession areas.

We have also demonstrated our commitment to transboundary haze pollution mitigation by ratifying the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution in 2014. To implement the agreement, some actions to prevent forest and land fires were carried out including routine patrols and integrated patrols, fire prevention campaigns, application of weather modification technology, forest and land fire awareness and community empowerment programs, and application of zero-burning system in land preparation.

Community awareness and empowerment programs are conducted using social media, mass media, relevant exhibitions, public service advertising, faith-related programs, and other society and school-based programs. As a result, during 2020-2021 Indonesia succeeded in reducing fire events and preventing transboundary haze.

Efforts to permanently prevent forest and land fires are also carried out through both preemptive and preventive measures, and repressive measures. Prevention instruments are carried out to increase the culture of compliance of companies and individuals, and law enforcement instruments to create a deterrent effect.

Thank you Chair.