



REPUBLIK INDONESIA

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE SIXTH BILATERAL CONSULTATION
BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
AND
THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT**

CAIRO, 27 JUNE 2019

INTRODUCTION

1. The Sixth Bilateral Consultation Meeting between the Republic of Indonesia and the Arab Republic of Egypt was held in Cairo, on 27 June 2019 and was preceded by the Technical Meeting between the relevant Ministries from both countries on 26 June 2019.
2. The Indonesian Delegation was led by His Excellency Ambassador Desra Percaya, Director General of Asia Pacific and Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, and the Egypt Delegation was led by His Excellency Ambassador Hany Selim, Assistant Foreign Minister for Asia and the Pacific Island, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt. The Meeting was attended by representatives of Indonesian relevant ministries and relevant departments at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt.
3. The Meeting was held in amicable and constructive atmosphere, manifesting the strong brotherly relations and cooperation between the Republic of Indonesia and the Arab Republic of Egypt and was timely to review progress as well as further explore new potentials and opportunities of the two countries.
4. Recalling the last Bilateral Consultation Meeting on January 2013 in Jakarta and the Joint Statement by the President of the Republic of Indonesia and the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt during the latter state visit to Jakarta on 4 September 2015, Both sides are delighted to underlined progresses that have been made in following-up the outcomes of the last Bilateral Consultation and the Joint Statement.
5. Both of the Heads of Delegation also committed to continue their joint efforts in pursuing all of the pending issues, particularly in convening the 6th Joint Commission as mandated by the Joint Statement.
6. Both of the Heads of Delegation also affirmed their common views on the importance of enhancing bilateral relations between the two countries and exploring all areas of cooperation of mutual interests, including the bilateral cooperation in regional and global fora.

BILATERAL COOPERATION DEVELOPMENT

7. **On bilateral legal frameworks**, the meeting noted with satisfaction the progress made in finalizing several pending MoUs at the technical meeting and encouraged them to further take the necessary steps in signing the MoU in the not too distant future, namely:
 - 1) MoU on the Establishment of Joint Commission
 - 2) MoU on the Establishment of the Joint Trade Committee
 - 3) MoU on Cooperation in the field of Hydrocarbon and Mineral Resources Cooperation
 - 4) MoU on Fisheries and Aquaculture Cooperation
 - 5) MoU in the Field of Health Cooperation
 - 6) Letter of Intent on Bilateral Defense Cooperation
8. The Meeting also noted that several drafts of MoUs are still subject to further discussion by relevant Ministries and Institutions of the two countries, such as:
 - 1) MoU on Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation
 - 2) MoU on Legal Cooperation between both Offices of General Attorney
 - 3) MoU on Environment Protection and Sustainable Development Cooperation
 - 4) MoU on Youth and Sports Cooperation
 - 5) MoU on Cooperation in Preventing and Combating Transnational Crimes
 - 6) MoU on Judicial Cooperation
 - 7) MoU concerning Cooperation in the Field of Information and Communication Technology
 - 8) Protocol on Cooperation in the Field of Tourism
9. As the way forward to follow up the pending MoUs discussion, the Egypt side through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is looking forward to have more detailed update related to it, such as: related parties on the MoU discussion and the current progress.
10. **On political cooperation**, the Meeting reaffirmed the importance of exchange of visits at all levels to strengthen friendly relations and cooperation as well as to promote understanding between the two countries and peoples.
11. **On counter terrorism cooperation**, the Meeting encouraged the relevant Authority in both Countries to implement the MoU signed on February 26, 2019 between the Indonesian National Counter-terrorism Agency (BNPT) and the Ministry of Home Affairs of Egypt signed in Cairo, Egypt at the earliest possible convenience of both parties. In this regard, the Indonesia side has expressed its readiness to share its best practice and experiences regarding comprehensive counter-terrorism strategy and delivered invitation to Egypt to visit Indonesia's deradicalization center.
12. **On defense cooperation**, Indonesia acknowledges Egypt as a strategic partner in the region and wishes to explore defense cooperation in the future, especially in exchange visits, education and training, sharing intelligence information as well as defense industry. Indonesia has proposed the Letter of Intent in order to create the legal document for the defence cooperation between the two countries. This Lol is the legal basis for the initial process on drafting MoU in intelligence cooperation and promoting defence industry cooperation.



13. **On bilateral trade cooperation**, both sides emphasized the importance of enhancing bilateral trade cooperation by further exploring potential avenues of cooperation, which includes the establishment of a Joint Trade Committee (JTC).
14. The Indonesian side is of the view that in order to achieve more of a balanced trade, both Indonesia and Egypt need to respectively get much greater market access for their main export products and commodities, by utilizing the potency of both countries as a hub for a larger market in the region. In this regard, Indonesia proposed to further explore the possibility of the establishment of the Preferential Trade agreement (PTA) between the two countries by conducting joint feasibility studies within three month periode.
15. The Meeting also underlined the importance of trade promotions and exhibitions as well as business matching to enhance bilateral trade and partnership between the two countries. In this regard, Indonesia invites Egyptian businessmen to participate in the upcoming Indonesia Trade Expo on 16-20 October 2019.
16. The Egypt side invites Indonesian private sectors to have Joint Venture cooperation with counterparts in Egypt.
17. **On industrial cooperation**, Indonesia encouraged respective relevant ministries of both countries to explore the potential cooperation by intensifying their communication with a view to formulate a draft MoU on Industrial Cooperation.
18. **On infrastructure cooperation**, Indonesia side has expressed its desire for supporting Egypt's infrastructure development projects, such as in the sector of social housing, roads construction and transportation. To this end, the Indonesian delegation along with the State-Owned Company, PT WIKA and PT INKA has discussed the potential of such involvement with its Egyptian counterpart and further request a good assistance from the relevant Authorities in Egypt including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to realize their business plan in Egypt.
19. Indonesia informed the Egyptian side about the upcoming Indonesia-Africa Infrastructure Dialogue (IAID) to be held on 20-21 August 2019 in Bali, Indonesia and conveyed its invitation to Egypt for attending this event.
20. **On investment cooperation**, both sides emphasized the need to explore possible avenues for cooperation in sharing of information, experiences and best practices in attracting foreign investments.
21. The Indonesian side expressed its desire to have continuous support and facilitation for Indonesia's investment in Egypt, including to those who are planning to invest in Egypt in the near future.
22. The Egypt side invites Indonesian businessmen to explore opportunities in several sectors, among others: manufacture, maritime and telecommunication. In order to strenghthen the investment cooperation, Egypt will provide Indonesia with the new Egyptian Law of Investment.
23. **On hydrocarbon and mineral resources cooperation**, aside from the ongoing bilateral legal framework negotiation, the Indonesian side proposed the cooperation

in the field of mineral resources between private sectors. Several Indonesian State-Owned Companies such as PT. Timah and PT. Antam have conveyed their interests to explore possible cooperation with the relevant Egyptian companies. In this regard, Indonesia requested assistance from the relevant authorities in Egypt to provide the information for those inquiries.

24. Egypt side proposed the cooperation in the field of exploring and developing new and renewable energy source. Furthermore, Egypt proposed the bilateral cooperation in the utilization of sewage sludge from sewage station to produce biogas which use in production of electricity by using anaerobic digestion technology.
25. **On fisheries and aquaculture cooperation**, both sides emphasized the importance of strengthening fisheries and aquaculture cooperation for the benefits and economic development of the Parties, as well as promoting sustainable fisheries and aquaculture governance.
26. **On health cooperation**, Indonesia updated the draft of the MoU in the Field of Health Cooperation between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia and the Ministry of Health and Population of the Arab Republic of Egypt. The Egypt welcomed the updated MoU and expressed its desire to expand the area of cooperation of Health Tourism. Furthermore, the Egypt expressed its interest in the pharmaceutical areas and would like to have specific form of cooperation. Both Sides agreed to expedite the finalization of the MoU informally and would follow up the internal consultations with Legal Department within each Ministry. Both Sides agreed to convey the final draft officially through diplomatic channel and to set the date of signing further upon the finalization of the MoU.
27. **On Halal cooperation**, both sides noted the importance of bilateral cooperation to strengthen the cooperation in the field of halal industries. In this regard, the Indonesian side encouraged the relevant authorities in both countries to see a possibility in signing the MoU on halal cooperation.
28. Indonesia delivered its plans to convene a World Halal Summit 2020 at the end of the Year 2020 in Jakarta and also expressed its desire to seek Egypt's support and cooperation for the event.
29. **On education cooperation**, Indonesia pleased to learn the growing number of Indonesian students studying in Egypt and the increasing cooperation between several prestigious universities of both countries, including the scholarship granted by the University of Al-Azhar and the relevant Ministry of Egypt. In this regard, the Indonesian side conveyed its request for the good assistance from all relevant Authorities in Egypt to ensure the convenience of all Indonesian students during their study in Egypt.
30. On other side, Indonesia welcomes Egyptian students to take a benefit from the scholarship it grants namely Dharmasiswa scholarship (a 1-year program to learn about Indonesian language and culture) and KNB scholarship or Non-Alignment Partnership (which is financial assistance offered by the Indonesian Government to International students coming from developing countries to pursue their master degrees in Indonesian Universities).



31. With regard to the cooperation between the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and the University of Al-Azhar, Al-Azhar welcomed the Indonesia's initiative to develop the Test of Arabic as Foreign Language (TOAFL) based on Al-Azhar standard with cooperation with Markaz Lughah as a basis of the national selection for the Indonesian student candidates. Al-Azhar further requested the relevant Ministry in Indonesia to discuss the initiative with Markaz Lughah. Both sides also discussed relevant technical issues regarding the Indonesian student candidate of Al-Azhar, among others: additional number of scholarship and online registration for the Indonesian student candidates.
32. **On technical cooperation**, Indonesia noted with pleasure the continued participation of Egyptians in capacity building program conducted by Indonesia in the field of agriculture, fisheries, democracy, micro-finance, anti-corruption and managing development.
33. Indonesia invites more Egyptians to take advantage of the capacity building training provided by various agencies in Indonesia based on the demand and the need of the Egyptian government, among others: in the field of fiscal management, trade and investment, international economics, capital markets, state-income policies and capital markets, financing of health services and financing of environmental management.
34. **On diplomatic education and training**, Indonesia conveyed that the Center for Education and Training of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia is looking forward to receiving a new proposal of cooperation from the Egyptian Institute for Diplomatic Studies.
35. **On consular cooperation**, Indonesia proposed to establish a "Consular Consultation" as a bilateral forum to discuss several consular issues of mutual concern which including but not limited to:
 - 1) Expediting the process of obtaining Iqomah for Indonesian students and it's extension.
 - 2) Extending the duration of Iqomah for students from 3 months to 1 year.
 - 3) Information sharing on immigration procedures in both countries.
 - 4) Information sharing on diplomatic facilities.
 - 5) Introduction to National Security officials to ease diplomatic duties concerning citizen protection issues.
 - 6) Possibility of establishing a Mutual Consular Notification (MCN) Agreement between Indonesia and Egypt.

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES

36. In addition to the discussion on bilateral cooperation, the two sides discussed multilateral and regional issues of common interest, among others: the Palestine issue, the situation in the Middle East including Iran, security issue related to transnational crimes and the development of regional cooperation in ASEAN and African Union.



37. With regard to Egypt's willingness to strengthen relation with ASEAN and become an ASEAN Dialogue Partner, Indonesia will support required Egyptian endeavor to deepen the engagement with ASEAN and with each ASEAN Member State by developing more substantive and concrete activities, prior to forging any formal ties with ASEAN.

CANDIDATURE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

38. Both sides were encouraged by the consistent exchange of support for each other's candidatures in various UN bodies and international organizations. Indonesia conveyed its appreciation for Egypt's support for Indonesia's candidacy as non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for 2019-2020, to which Indonesia has successfully been elected at the elections held during the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly on 8 June 2018 in New York.
39. Both sides also took note of the pending requests to support each other's candidacies, and expressed mutual commitment to continuing collaboration in this regard.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE SEVENTH BCM


40. The Meeting agreed that the 7th Bilateral Consultation Meeting would be held in Indonesia at a date mutually convenient for both sides to be communicated through diplomatic channels.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

41. The delegation of the Republic of Indonesia conveyed its deep appreciation to the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to them during their stay in Cairo, Egypt, for the 6th Bilateral Consultation Meeting.

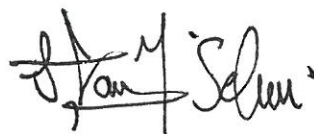
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