

JOINT STATEMENT
“ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN INDONESIA AND INDIA”
29 - 30 MAY 2018

1. At the invitation of the President of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Joko Widodo, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, H.E. Shri Narendra Modi paid the first official visit to Indonesia on 29-30 May 2018.
2. The Meeting commenced with a tête-à-tête between the Leaders, followed by a delegation meeting. President Joko Widodo also hosted a state banquet in honour of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and members of their respective delegation in the evening of 30 May 2018. They also interacted with members of the Indonesia – India CEO Forum and received their recommendations. Earlier in the day, the Leaders jointly unveiled a Kite Exhibition on the theme of Ramayana and Mahabharat and also paid a visit to the Arjuna Wijaya Chariot Statue and Istiqlal Mosque.
3. The Meeting took place in a cordial atmosphere, reflecting the strong ties between the two Leaders and the people of the two countries as friendly maritime neighbours with deep civilization links that extends millennia. The two countries also shared common heritage and commitment of upholding democracy, pluralism and diversity and are dynamic economies with strong complementarities.
4. Both Leaders held extensive talks on bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest, and provided strategic directions that would further enhance the solid and expanding relations between the two countries.

STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

5. To enhance the two countries’ strategic partnership, the Leaders agreed to hold Annual Summit meetings, including on the margins of multilateral events. They also stressed the importance of continuing regular bilateral consultations through the robust architecture of dialogue in place, including the Ministerial and Working Group Mechanisms.
6. The Leaders reaffirmed the importance of parliamentary exchanges between the two democracies and encouraged regular visits of delegations between the two Parliaments.
7. The Leaders recalled their meeting on the sidelines of the ASEAN – India Commemorative Summit in New Delhi on 25 January 2018 during which they discussed ways to deepen and strengthen bilateral ties as well as matters of regional and global issues. Prime Minister Modi expressed his appreciation to President Joko Widodo for gracing the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit in New Delhi and witnessing the Republic Day Parade of India on 26 January 2018, as India’s Guest of Honour.
8. The Leaders welcomed the adoption of the “Shared Vision on Maritime Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific between India and Indonesia” with a strong belief that the two countries

could develop further cooperation in maritime sector which can be a force of immense stability in the region.

- 9 Both sides expressed their satisfaction at the excellent state of Strategic Partnership between the two countries. The Leaders welcomed the growing convergence in the political, strategic, defence, security and economic fields between the two countries and noted that the bilateral relationship had acquired a new momentum following the State Visit of President Joko Widodo in December 2016 and successful implementation of the commitments made by both sides, which *inter alia* included the holding of:
 - (i) Ministerial level Joint Commission in Jakarta on 5 January 2018;
 - (ii) The Second Defence Ministers' Dialogue in New Delhi on 19 January 2018 and the Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting in Jakarta on 17 - 18 January 2017;
 - (iii) The Second Biennial Trade Ministers' Forum (BTMF) in New Delhi on 25 September 2017;
 - (iv) The First Energy Forum at Ministerial level in Jakarta on 20 April 2017; and
 - (v) First Security Dialogue in New Delhi on 9 January 2018.
- 10 The Leaders also acknowledged efforts have been taken on the implementation of Recommendation from the India – Indonesia Eminent Persons Group (II-EPG) outlined in the Report to the Leaders, committed to strengthening the strategic partnership between the two countries.
- 11 Both Leaders agreed to strengthen cooperation in all areas by establishing a New Comprehensive Strategic Partnership to take Indonesia and India's bilateral relationship into a new era. Indonesia and India are not just close neighbours but fellow democracies with shared interests and a common future.
- 12 In this regard, both Leaders committed to make further significant investment in the bilateral relations to give substance and weight to the New Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and directed their respective Foreign Ministers to review the follow up of this commitment at their next meeting and to report back to Leaders.

DEFENSE AND SECURITY COOPERATION

- 13 Both leaders reaffirmed that Indonesia and India as strategic partners and maritime neighbours must work to further strengthen and broaden the already robust defence cooperation.
- 14 The Leaders reaffirmed their commitment in the field of defence, with the signing of Defence Cooperation Agreement (DCA) between two countries. The Agreement will further strengthen and renew the existing cooperation for the mutual benefit of the two countries and the region.
- 15 The Leaders agreed that regular meetings and active follow up of decisions of relevant institutional dialogue mechanisms were essential to realize the potential for bilateral

defence cooperation. The Leaders acknowledged the progress made in the field of defence cooperation of the two countries after the convening of the First Security Dialogue, the Second Biennial Defence Ministerial Dialogue, and the Fifth Joint Defence Cooperation Committee. They further looked forward the convening of the Sixth Joint Defence Cooperation Committee in August 2018.

- 16 They also agreed to further enhance mutual trust through regular meetings and staff talks between armies, navies and air forces of the two countries and took positive note of the First Air Force to Air Force Staff Talks.
- 17 The Leaders noted ongoing joint exercise and training as well as coordinated patrol between their Navies and welcomed the decision to hold bilateral joint exercises between their Navies and Air Forces with an endorsement upon the Finalization of Standard Operational Procedure by both Navies and Air Forces. They also noted with appreciation the conduct of the 6th Garuda Shakti Army Exercises involving Special Forces in Bandung from 18 February–3 March 2018 and welcomed growing engagement on military training whilst encouraging greater training interactions at all levels, including regular cadet exchanges. Leaders also noted the desire of both sides to institutionalize cooperation between Indonesian Defence University and National Defence College India.
- 18 In the area of defence industry, the Leaders took note on the progress made through the joint production of military equipments. They identified cooperation in defence industry and technology as areas of great potential. They further directed officials of both sides to expand mutually beneficial collaboration between their defence industries for joint production of equipment, technology transfer, technical assistance and capacity building as well as sourcing of defence equipment.
- 19 In this regard, the Leaders welcomed the conclusion of MoU between PT Pindad and Bhukanvala and noted with appreciation the ongoing collaboration between PT Pindad and Tata Motors to source defence related equipments for mutual benefit.
- 20 The Leaders welcomed the convening of First Security Dialogue in New Delhi on 9 January 2018 which discussed security-related issues in a comprehensive manner. Through the dialogue, the two countries resolved to significantly enhance bilateral cooperation in countering terrorism, terrorist financing, money laundering, arms smuggling, trafficking in persons and cyber crime. The Leaders also looked forward to the convening of the next meeting of the Security Dialogue within 2018.
- 21 The Leaders directed officials to convene the 3rd JWG on Combating Illicit Trafficking in Narcotics, Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and its Precursors and the 5th JWG on Combating Terrorism, to be held on June and early July 2018 and called for sharing of expertise, enhancing consultation, cooperation and information sharing.
- 22 The Leaders reiterated the shared commitment to enhance liaison between the intelligence and law enforcement agencies of both countries, to collaborate and exchange information, and to continue their cooperation in providing each other Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (MLA), consistent with the Treaties on MLA and Extradition.
- 23 On the issue of maritime delimitation, both Leaders concurred that mutually acceptable solutions on the delimitation of maritime boundaries between the two countries should be

based on the principles of international law including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. They further reaffirmed their continued support to the Technical Meetings and instructed the technical team to expedite the negotiations.

- 24 The Leaders recalled their Statement on Maritime Cooperation in 2016 and therefore encouraged the finalization of the MoU on Maritime Security Cooperation between Badan Keamanan Laut and the Indian Coast Guard which will institutionalize training cooperation, capacity building, regular working group, coordinated patrol and joint exercises; and the MoU on Marine and Fisheries.
- 25 The Leaders noted that as mandated by the 5th Meeting of the Joint Commission between the Republic of Indonesia and the Republic of India an expert level meeting was held on 10 May 2018 in Bali to explore ways in enhancing strategic technical cooperation on maritime security. They appreciate and welcome the result and further instructed experts of both countries to expedite the process in identifying the scope of strategic cooperation of mutual interest.

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

- 26 Both sides agreed to work intensively for the early conclusion of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and reiterated that it needs to be comprehensive, fair and balanced with benefit to all member states. The two leaders also instructed officials to optimize the cooperation between ASEAN and India for establishing a sustainable and mutually beneficial trade relations.
- 27 The Leaders encouraged to conduct more trade promotion activities in the future and acknowledged such activities held previously. Both sides also agreed to identify and further explore any potential results from such activities.
- 28 The Leaders welcomed the holding of second meeting of Biennial Trade Ministers' Forum (BTMF) in New Delhi on 25 September 2017 and directed the officials to work on the outcomes. The Leaders acknowledged the need to further explore the untapped economic potentials and to remove impediments to trade and investment.
- 29 Both sides agreed that there are considerable potentials for expanding trade and services in various areas and looked forward for the convening of the Working Group on Trade and Investment (WGTI) and Working Group on Trade Facilitation and Resolution (WGTR) meeting forthwith.
- 30 Both Leaders welcomed the meeting of prominent business leaders at the 2nd CEO Forum held in Jakarta on 29 May 2018 and acknowledge the Recommendations submitted by the grouping. The Leaders further instructed the regular convening of the forum and expansion of business sectors as it could function as constructive measure to tap more opportunities and potentials in developing bilateral cooperation in trade and investment. In this regard, both Leaders also welcomed the conclusion of the MoU between Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Kadin) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), and appreciated the setting up of a CII office in Jakarta.

- 31 President Joko Widodo welcomed the increase in Indian investments in Indonesia and appreciated their contribution to the Indonesian economy. Prime Minister Modi also welcomed Indonesian companies' participation through the "Make in India" initiative and invited Indonesian business to avail of the opportunities presented.
- 32 The Leaders shared their views on the importance of intensifying infrastructure development in both countries and the mutual benefit of enhancing infrastructure development cooperation. In this regard, both Leaders welcomed the convening of the 1st India-Indonesia Infrastructure Forum which would enhance further infrastructure connectivity cooperation.
- 33 The Leaders welcomed the signing of the MoU on Health Cooperation that would pave the way for closer collaboration in tackling common health challenges.
- 34 The Leaders expressed their appreciation on the first meeting held between the Chairperson of the National Agency for Drug and Food Control (BPOM) of Indonesia and the Drug Controller General of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) of India in New Delhi on 5 March 2018. The Leaders further welcomed the establishment of the MoU between BPOM and CDSCO aimed to strengthen further collaborations in the field of pharmaceuticals, biological products and cosmetics. The Leaders also welcomed the establishment of a joint venture on active pharmaceutical ingredients manufacture between Pharmalab Indonesia and Hetero in Cikarang, Indonesia as well as the MoU between PT Kalbe and The Himalaya Drug Company.
- 35 The Leaders noted that there were considerable cooperation opportunities in health and pharmaceutical sector. Therefore, the Leaders further directed for the convening of a meeting in second half of 2018 comprising of health officials, drug regulators and industry representatives to develop a road map on health cooperation, including research and development, active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) and IT-based medical equipment.
- 36 The Leaders highlighted the importance of food security for the people of both countries and agreed to work together towards mutual and better actions in this area.
- 37 The Leaders underscored the important role palm oil plays in Indonesia's export to India and in India's consumer preference and growing consumption. Both Leaders agreed to address all issues related to obstacles to trade and investment in palm oil products and industries.
- 38 The Leaders acknowledged the importance of connectivity in today's globalised world for enhancement of trade, tourism and people-to-people contacts. In this regard, both sides welcomed the MoU on Cooperation in the Railways Sector which would promote technical cooperation, development of rail related programs, exchange of knowledge, technology and institutional cooperation between India and Indonesia.
- 39 The Leaders welcomed the establishment of direct flights by Garuda Indonesia between Bali and Mumbai starting from April 2018 as well as the flights by Batik Air and Air Asia Indonesia serving Indonesian and Indian cities. The Leaders also emphasized the urgency of establishing more flight connectivity and urged the airlines of both countries to start flights between other major cities of the two countries. They directed the civil

aviation authorities of both countries to discuss the matter of enhancing the traffic rights through the bilateral air services consultation that will take place in 2018.

- 40 As maritime neighbours, the two countries underlined the importance of stronger connectivity, particularly on sea links, in order to facilitate economic cooperation and people-to-people contact. The Leaders welcomed the plan to build connectivity between Andaman Nicobar-Aceh to unleash the economic potentials of both areas. Furthermore, the two sides looked forward to the expeditious conclusion of the ASEAN-India Maritime Transport Cooperation Agreement.
- 41 The Leaders noted the successful visit of Coordinating Minister of Maritime Affairs of Indonesia to India on 17 – 19 May 2018. In this regard, the Leaders appreciated the decision to set up a Joint Task Force to undertake projects for port related infrastructure in and around Sabang.
- 42 Both leaders appreciated the successful outcome of the 1st Ministerial-level Energy Forum between India and Indonesia that took place on 20 April 2017. At the forum, the two sides agreed to explore cooperation in a number of areas, including refineries technology, gas infrastructure, sharing of experience in the use of LEDs and renewable energy in India, sharing the expertise of Indonesia in gasification of fuel oil, and exploration of oil, gas and coal based on Indonesian existing regulations.
- 43 The Leaders recognized that access to reliable, clean and affordable energy is critical for economic growth of both countries, and in this regard, President Joko Widodo welcomed Prime Minister Modi's initiatives in the area of renewable energy, including through the formation of the International Solar Alliance.
- 44 Both Leaders agreed to cooperate in the promotion of energy efficiency technologies, new and renewable energy technologies, with the shared aspiration to ensure energy security and to replace the use of fossil fuel, as well as meet respective climate change targets.
- 45 Both Leaders welcomed potential cooperation in the area of peaceful use of nuclear energy and looked forward to the early renewal of an Agreement on Cooperation regarding the Utilization of Nuclear Energy for Peaceful Purposes.

CULTURAL AND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE LINKS

- 46 Recognizing the importance of encouraging greater people-to-people relations, especially among the youth and students as well as the ongoing cooperation between educational institutions and the efforts to institutionalize university-to-university linkages, both Leaders gave the directive to officials of both countries to negotiate the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Education and finalize the Memorandum of Understanding in the Field of Higher Education. Meanwhile, they welcomed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding in the Scientific and Technological Cooperation.

- 47 The Leaders underscored the importance of investment in education, human resources and skill development to empower young generations in India and Indonesia. Thus, they encouraged to increase the number of scholarship offers from both countries.
- 48 Recognizing the opportunities and challenges presented by information and communications technology, both Leaders affirmed their commitment to develop cooperation in these areas to support innovation and the digital economy.
- 49 In the area of cooperation of aerospace, the Leaders welcomed the conclusion of the Inter-Governmental Framework Agreement on Cooperation in the Exploration and Uses of Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes. Both sides also agreed to implement the process of Transfer of Title of Integrated Telemetry, Tracking and Control Facilities in Biak in due course through mutual consultations. The Leaders welcomed the development of cooperation in space science, satellite and other rocket technology and encourage further discussion of hosting a new Indian Ground Station, as well as research and development activities jointly conducted by both sides.
- 50 Both sides agreed to intensify cooperation in the fields of culture, education, tourism and people-to-people exchanges, widen and deepen cultural and historical ties and revive as well as reconnect the civilizational and historic cultural heritage between the two countries.
- 51 In strengthening people-to-people contact, they welcomed the signing of Lol on Sister Province between Bali-Uttarakhand and the commencement of the World Heritage Twinning Program of Candi Prambanan and Taj Mahal. The Leaders welcomed the conclusion of the MoU between Layang-layang Museum Jakarta and Kite Museum of Ahmadabad and noted with appreciation the holding of the First Joint Kite Exhibition on the theme of Ramayana and Mahabharat at National Monument in Jakarta.
- 52 Both Leaders expressed satisfaction at the growth of tourist numbers between the two countries and emphasized the importance of visa exemption to boost a greater number of tourists.
- 53 In the area of sports, Prime Minister Modi complimented President Joko Widodo on the excellent preparations for the upcoming Asian Games in Indonesia and wished for a successful and memorable event in Jakarta and Palembang.
- 54 Recognizing the potential impact of films on the youth and tourism promotion, both sides are committed to explore possible cooperation in the area of film industry.
- 55 In the efforts to strengthen better governance, both Leaders welcomed the signing of MoU between National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA) and Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA). They also noted with appreciation the conclusion of the MoU between Ministry of Communication and Informatics of Indonesia and Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore, which would aim to promote capacity building.
- 56 The Leaders welcomed the signing of MoU on Policy Dialogue between Governments and Interaction between Think Tanks to enhance cooperation in the field of research and policy dialogue.

COOPERATION IN RESPONDING TO COMMON CHALLENGES

- 57 In managing diversity, Indonesia and India realize that interfaith dialogue has become an effective forum to nurture peace and social harmony, as well as to promote democracy and human rights. Interfaith dialogue is a reflection of the united commitment of both countries to explore a new understanding on the rise of religious identities, the dynamic of pluralism and to eradicate radicalism, terrorism, and violent extremism. Indonesia and India have pursued the ideals of pluralism, tolerance, rule of law and values of peaceful co-existence. The Leaders also shared the view on the imperative need to eradicate radicalism and reiterated the importance of promoting peaceful pluralism that would lead to true civilization harmony, and moderation through a holistic approach. Thus, both leaders agreed to organize an interfaith dialogue in Indonesia in early October 2018, which will be followed by a similar dialogue in India next year.
- 58 The two Leaders reiterated their strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations including cross-border terrorism and terror-related incidents in Indonesia and India and affirmed that perpetrators of these heinous acts must be brought to justice. Both leaders also affirmed that terrorism should not be associated with any religion, creed, nationality and ethnicity.
- 59 The Leaders also called upon all countries to work towards disrupting terrorist networks and their financing channels, and halting cross-border movement of terrorists from terror organizations as well as other terrorist groups threatening peace and security in respective region. In that regard, the two Leaders called for enhanced cooperation including through greater exchange of information and intelligence between the two sides. The Leaders also called for expeditious finalization and adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism in order to strengthen the existing international counter-terrorism legal framework.
- 60 The Leaders welcomed the successful commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of ASEAN-India Dialogue through the hosting of various commemorative activities and ASEAN-Indian Commemorative Summit in Delhi on 25 January 2018. The said activities which signify strong ties between ASEAN-India has brought the ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership to the people.
- 61 Both sides welcomed the adoption of the Delhi Declaration and underscored that the unity of ASEAN was central to the evolving regional architecture and its continued contribution to regional peace, security, and prosperity and to ASEAN integration and the ASEAN Community building process.
- 62 Sharing the view that maintaining peace, stability and prosperity in the Indian Ocean is a regional priority, the two leaders reiterated their commitment to continue the partnership in the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA). They highlighted the importance of reaching the goals set in the Jakarta Concord and the IORA Action Plan 2017 – 2021 endorsed during the IORA Leaders' Summit 2017 in Jakarta and urged all Member

States of IORA to cooperate closely on the six priority and the two cross cutting issues of Blue Economy and Women's Economic Empowerment.

- 63 The Leaders welcomed the first Trilateral Senior Officials Strategic Dialogue involving Indonesia-India-Australia in Bogor, Indonesia, on 27 November 2018 and underlined the importance of open and frank dialogue as well as exchange of best practices among like-minded democracies.
- 64 Both Leaders reiterated the importance of achieving a peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific region where sovereignty, international law, freedom of navigation and overflight, sustainable development and an open and fair trade and investment system are respected. The development of the Indo-Pacific concept, must also be done in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner, respect for the international law and uphold ASEAN Centrality.
- 65 Both countries underlined the important role of the United Nations peacekeeping in the maintenance of international peace and security and welcomed further efforts to strengthen peacekeeping operations to be fit-for-purpose in performing their current mandates.
- 66 Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They agreed that global partnership is the key to achieve the SDGs, and in this regard, they resolved to continue to work towards the full and timely implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. They underscored their commitment to work together for the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement as a global effort to combat climate change. They both also emphasized the importance of adequate and predictable financial resources, capacity building and technology transfer to support mitigation and adaptation actions in developing countries.
- 67 The two Leaders looked forward to the commemoration of the 70 years of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 2019, and welcomed the launching of the Logo for its anniversary celebration. In this regard, they supported activities proposed to be conducted by both sides to commemorate the same. Both Leaders agreed to seize the momentum to promote relations into a higher level aiming to enhance mutual goodwill and greater understanding among the peoples of both countries.
- 68 Prime Minister Modi thanked President Joko Widodo for the warmth of his hospitality and all the excellent arrangements made for the visit. Being the holy month of Ramadan, Prime Minister Modi wished the friendly people of Indonesia good health, success and greetings for the upcoming Eid festivities.