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Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for the opportunity to welcome my special colleagues to this special occasion.

A special moment to meet again physically after our previous meeting during the 143rd IPU Assembly in Madrid last year.

A special occasion to meet again with my dear colleagues of the Association of Secretaries General of the Parliaments' Members.

An Association was first established six years before Indonesia's Independence Day, August 16 1939, in Oslo.

An Association that was established 50 years after IPU and play an important role in the IPU.

This time is the third time Indonesia became the host of the IPU Assembly.

First, it was in 2000 for the 104th IPU Assembly in Jakarta,

The second was in 2007 for the 116th IPU Assembly in Bali, and

Today, the third one, this year, this pandemic year of 2022 for the 144th IPU Assembly.

Looking back to the long involvement of Indonesia, and the House of Representatives in hosting the Assemblies, maybe a few of my friends here are already familiar with the Indonesian House's system. And I am not going to talk more on that, on the history of the Indonesian House first inaugurated on August 29, 1945. I will talk more about what the Secretariat of the House of Representatives has contributed to the work of the Indonesian House under my leadership.

I will talk about the important role of the Secretariat in delivering our services for modern parliament.

Distinguished ASGP Members,

As a system, the Secretariat of the House, an organisation for the Indonesian House, was formed to support the smooth implementation of the powers and duties of the House. In carrying out its duties and functions, this supporting organisation of the House is required to respond to organisational dynamics and the development of the implementation of the powers and duties of the House so that organisational change is

a natural thing to happen. Several adjustments and arrangements have been made regarding management, human resources, and infrastructure of the Secretariat of the House.

The strategic steps taken in dealing with several main problems are:

First, in terms of management, in addition to preparing business process maps, SOPs are also prepared as a guide in carrying out tasks.

Second, In terms of human resources, we have adjusted human resource management at the Secretariat of the House with the management of Civil Servants based on Government Regulation.

And third, In terms of infrastructure, the Secretariat of the House has developed application software to support the performance of the House, and at the same time encourage the use of environmentally friendly green energy.

The Secretariat of the House responded with a determination always to improve its performance and invite, listen, and facilitate what the people aspire to. The results of these various inputs, in essence, is that the Indonesian House must carry out institutional reforms by carrying out the concept of a modern parliament.

Distinguished audience,

The Indonesian House is very aware that parliament is not a static state institution by designing a modern parliament. The parliament is changing, and it follows the changes that occur “inside and outside” parliament. Constituents did elect their MPs. And constituents today have high expectations of the performance of parliament or MPs. Various efforts to strengthen the reform plan based on the concept of a modern parliament continue to improve the services of the Secretariat of the House. We started by strengthening the support system for human resources and infrastructure while also bearing the legislature’s independence.

In carrying out its functions, duties, and authorities, the Indonesian House needs to be supported by a system that provides quality administrative, technical, and expert services, accompanied by high integrity and performance and the implementation of the best organisational governance. This is the place for the Secretariat of the House to play his role. Expertise support has been provided by the Expertise Agency of the Indonesian House since 2015. The Expertise Agency is functionally responsible to the Indonesian House and is administratively under the Secretariat of the House.

Executive Committee Members, and fellow Secretaries General of the Parliaments,

Strengthening the support system in terms of facilities and infrastructure is a special agenda in fulfilling the people’s right to access information and know more closely about the Indonesian House. One form of parliament that is open to the people in implementing “public information disclosure” is having the public’s right to obtain information based on laws and regulations. The Indonesian House has begun to open the widest possible access to all elements of society, both directly and through technology, long before Covid-19 was an outburst.

The Covid-19 pandemic has prompted the Secretariat of the House to take full advantage of the potential of technology and take adaptation steps. While recovering from the pandemic, digital consumption will continue

to increase. Its impact on the implementation of the work of the Secretariat of the House will increasingly depend on technology. Like other parliaments, the Indonesian House began to more aggressively utilise existing technology, from websites, Twitter, Facebook, SMS, magazines and bulletins to Parliament TV. In particular, the Indonesian House's Rules of Procedure were also adjusted to accommodate virtual meetings. The Secretariat of the House agrees that virtual meetings would be convenient for the work of the Indonesian House during the pandemic and be taken as a normal business in the future. The right to information is very important to open state administrators to the public so that what is done by the organisers of the work of state administration can be accepted and accountable to the public.

Regarding the use of information technology, the total number of applications that have been implemented at the Secretariat of the House in 2021 was around 100 applications. Some of those applications were new applications that can improve the services of the Secretariat of the House to the House. The comprehensive data of MPs are integrated and protected in one continually updated system.

A digital information system was used to deliver digital documents for the Leadership of the House and MPs during General Assembly. They can access digital documents prepared using laptops, tablets, and smartphones at their convenience. Those digital infrastructures are not only aimed at assisting the MPs and the public in accessing meeting documents and encouraging paperless culture for environmentally friendly information systems. The system was also built to bridge the organs of the Indonesian House and their counterparts. This information system supports the process of corresponding and exchanging data and information between the legislative and executive. The system is hoped to process and distribute meeting documents in a timely and automatic manner.

Another system that plays an important role in keeping the constituents with their representatives closer is the facility to voice their concerns. This system opens up wider access and more information to the public through timely, accurate, and safe integration in processing their request and voicing their concern to the Indonesian House. With this system, the public can channel their voice first-hand to their representatives on any aspect related to government policies. The public can get information on mechanisms, clear flow, and channelling procedures of their voices.

In supporting energy transition that demands serious political will, since December 2021, the Secretariat of the House has built solar panels system to meet the needs of extra electricity of buildings in the Indonesian House complex. So today, most electricity usage in the Indonesian House uses solar panel power plants. The instalment of these solar power plants shows the Indonesian House's commitment to build green buildings, increase the use of renewable energy, and become the pioneer to decrease the gas emission and greenhouses effects.

All the system innovations and choices of environment-friendly policies continuously introduced by the Secretariat of the House aim to support the services of all units in the Secretariat of the House. We also conduct integration to make most of the management of the House of Representatives for a more effective, efficient, and sustainable work of parliament. We also have other applications and systems integrated with

other ministries and states' institutions, such as the Indonesian House's filing system, which has already been integrated with National Achieves.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Before ending this presentation, allow me to conclude what I have addressed.

Strengthening the role of legislative power requires the Indonesian House to continue to make changes and improvements through an institutional reform plan to carry out its constitutional duties properly. The role of the Secretariat of the House is very important in realising a better legislative role. Institutional reform by carrying out the concept of the Modern Parliament according to the reform blueprint of the Indonesian House. It requires serious efforts from the Secretariat of the House. And, of course, efforts to strengthen the Secretariat of the House through the institutional reform process that is being carried out today still and will always need all the support from parties.

Thank you for the given time,

Welcome to Indonesia,

May our meeting until the last day be useful for the parliament and secretariat of the respective parliaments, as well as factor in to the progress of democracy in the world.

To have a clearer view of the Indonesian House, I invite you to watch a short video on Indonesian's parliament building.

Wassalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.