

# INDONESIA

Mr. Chairman,

*High Commissioner Mr. Filippo Grandi*

Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

The trend of global forced displacement continues to be worrying, and therefore we need to redouble our common effort to find durable solutions. The Global Compact on Refugees adopted last year has provided us with a roadmap to improve the global governance of refugee issues. It indeed underlines the importance of burden sharing and shared responsibility in accordance with national realities, capacities and levels of development, while respecting national policies and priorities.

The convening of this year's High-Level Segment on Statelessness is not only important but also timely. The issue of statelessness is rooted within the authority of sovereignty of each country as only countries could confer nationalities or citizenship. For most people, citizenship is taken for granted. They were born with birth certificates and national identity cards which serves as a guarantor of their rights and responsibilities as citizens, including protection and services from the government.

However, for some other people, citizenship is a dream, a wish, as they live on this earth without a "de jure" acknowledgement of belonging to a community. They become deprived of their rights and this situation, in turn, becomes a root cause of displacement worldwide that, unfortunately, is becoming more and more prevalent.

Indonesia for its part continues to contribute to address this issue, including by being a part of the Group of Friends of the #iBelong Campaign to End Statelessness, and by taking national measures to prevent statelessness.

Despite not being a signatory to the two conventions on statelessness, our law on citizenship (Law No. 12 of 2006) legally ensures that any child born in Indonesia will not be stateless, and it is in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Additionally. We also have placed men and women on equal footing when it comes to conferring citizenship to their children.

Additionally, in this august forum, Indonesia would like to make the following pledges:

1. To increase the scope of operation and the provision of infrastructure related to its national citizenship registry. In this regard, we are committed to reach a 90.5% citizenship-registration coverage in 2019, an increase from 85% coverage in 2017.
2. To increase the utilization of a digital platform for citizenship registry and citizenship documentations, such as the issuance of birth certificate and single identity number. We aim to ensure that the platform will cover 514 cities and regencies across the Indonesia, as well as integrated to all our embassies worldwide.
3. To enhance cooperation with UNHCR in handling refugees and asylum seekers.
4. To work with all countries, particularly the two Statelessness Conventions, to learn together, increase capacities, and exchange technology in addressing statelessness.

Statelessness is indeed a global issue. Therefore, global cooperation is a must to address it. A concerted effort by all relevant stakeholders to overcome the problem is needed, including by exchanging experiences and good practices. Indonesia has been playing its part by forging partnerships in effort to end statelessness. On this note, Indonesia would like to also call upon the parties to the convention to fulfill their respected international obligations. Only when we all work to achieve the common goal of eliminating statelessness worldwide can this campaign to end statelessness succeed.

I thank you.