National Statement

by His Excellency Director-General for Multilateral Cooperation Ministry of Foreign Affairs – The Republic of Indonesia at the 2021 Article Fourteen Conference of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

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Chairperson,

We gather here to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the...

→ CTBT, amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Robert Floyd,...

→ on his new role as the Executive Secretary of the CTBTO.

Indonesia stands ready to support Dr. Floyd,...

- → in bolstering the work of the CTBTO to end the nuclear test explosions,...
- → now and in the future.

Chairperson,

We have seen some positive developments in the disarmament landscape,...

→ including the US-Russia Strategic Dialogue.

However, we haven't yet come to a moment...

- → where our vision to have the CTBT entered into force,...
- → being realized after one fourth of the century.

Against these backgrounds,...

→ allow me to highlight the following key points:

First, we need to increase the level of our political will,...

→ towards the entry into force of the Treaty.

We need to ensure that the Treaty remains one of the core elements of the...

→ international nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime, and...

make sure that the Treaty has a legally binding effect to end...

→ nuclear weapons' tests and all other nuclear weapons explosions.

As a Ratifying State, we urge the remaining Annex II States...

→ to sign and ratify the Treaty.

Second, we need to seize the silver momentum of celebrating...

→ the 25 years of the Treaty.

It is imperative to strengthen our cooperation and engagement towards...

→ the universalization of the Treaty as early as possible.

We also need to increase synergy between the Treaty and other international instruments,...

→ such as the NPT and the TPNW...

Third, we need to strengthen the role of the Preparatory Commission for the CTBTO,...

- → in building up the verification regime in preparation of...
 - the Treaty's entry into force and universality.

Effective capacity building and training programs are essential,...

→ especially for the developing countries.

Therefore it should be continued and supported despite of the pandemic.

Chairperson,

In conclusion, Indonesia reaffirms its readiness to continue its contribution,...

→ to promote the entry into force and universalization of the Treaty.

Thank you.

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