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The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Copenhagen presents its compliments to the Danish Parliament and has the honour to inform the latter that the Commission VIII of the Indonesian Parliament (Committee on Religious, Social Affairs and Gender Equality of the House of Representatives) is planning a working visit to Denmark on 27 April – 3 May 2012.

In this regard, the Embassy would like to further convey the wish of the Commission VIII to have an exchange of views with the Gender Equality Committee of the Danish Parliament with the main objective to get the valuable inputs and experiences from the Danish Parliament, particularly in relevance with the Danish policies on gender equality, the role of Parliament in formulating, implementing and monitoring Danish policies on gender equality including the organizational aspect, the affirmative action, the implementation and how it affects positively towards the role of women in many aspects.

The Embassy attached herewith brief information on the background and objectives of the working visit.

The Embassy would like to seek possible arrangement within the abovementioned dates with the Danish Parliament. The Embassy's contact persons for this matter is Mr. Yohannes Prasetyo or Mr. Akhmad Ridwan; tlp. 3962 4422; e-mail politik@kbricph.dk

The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Copenhagen avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Danish Parliament the assurances of its highest considerations.

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Danish Parliament
- The Gender Equality Committee
- The Secretariat
Copenhagen - Denmark

Brief information on the background and the objectives of the working visit of Commission VIII of the Indonesian Parliament to Denmark

April 27 – May 3, 2012

Background

The Indonesian constitution is guaranteed the right of women as part of human rights. The constitution also guaranteed the gender equality between men and women. These assurances have been implemented in many Indonesian national laws including law no. 39 year 1999 on human rights. Indonesia has also ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discriminations Against Women (CEDAW), the Beijing Declarations and Platforms for Action (BPFA), and also put a lot of efforts in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, etc.

Nevertheless many Indonesian women still facing discrimination in many aspects of life. In this regard in order to improve the gender equality and the role of women in all aspects of life, the Commission VIII of the Indonesian Parliament is proposing a Draft Bill on Gender Equality and Justice.

To finalize the work, the Commission is conducting policy study visit to some countries which are considered success in implementing the affirmative action and the gender equality policy, including Denmark.

The policy study visit is conducted in two forms of activities i.e. literature study and discussion / field study.

Objectives

Main objective of the study visit is to get input an experiences from Danish Parliament, Government and other institutions which is covering the gender equality issues particularly on the Government policies on gender equality and affirmative action, the implementation and the positive impact of the policies on the role of women in every aspects, on the role of Danish Parliament in formulating, implementing and monitoring Danish policies on gender equality and the affirmative action in Denmark, including the organizational aspects.
