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MUDA BERSUARA 2021: Selamatkan Generasi Emas 2045 dari Krisis Iklim

August 16, 2021

Approaching the 76th Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia on August 17, 2021, through *Muda Bersuara*:

We, the sons and daughters of Indonesia, claim to share one blood, the homeland of Indonesia, appeal to the nation of Indonesia — the Government and the people of Indonesia — to prevent the threat of climate change and take an important part in global efforts to keep the earth's temperature rise only around 1.5°Celsius, in accordance with the vision of the 2015 Paris Agreement.

We, sons and daughters of Indonesia, a nation that claims to be one, the people of Indonesia, urge the Government to set new targets based on scientific data and in line with the world's steps, namely in reducing 50% of national emissions by 2030 and achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

We, the sons and daughters of Indonesia, who respect the language of unity, the Indonesian language, urge that the concept of net-zero emission must become a public and political jargon that is voiced collectively and consistently. This is a must to save our generation, the 2045 Golden Generation.

Net-zero emission is not only about the targeted rate of emissions reduction, but also the period over which this is to be achieved. The net-zero emission target by 2070 or 2060 is no longer sufficient. Our carbon quota for keeping the temperature rise to only 1.5°Celsius expires in 2050. Therefore, Indonesia *must* set a more ambitious emission reduction target, namely net-zero emission by 2050.

This net-zero emission target is in our own national interest to save *Indonesia Emas 2045* from various disasters that will arise from a warming earth temperature: extreme weather, floods, droughts, food crises, water shortages, sea level rise as high as one meter, crop failure, forest fires.



Thus, it is clear that the climate crisis is a real existential threat for the Indonesian people. Changing our development paradigms and strategies is never an easy task. However, the stakes are high – nothing less than the survival and well-being of our generation is in line. Therefore, we should all demand a hard struggle. Do not let history record a drastic warming of the earth's temperature in 2045 due to the failure of your generation to make changes, as you fiddle while our Earth burns.

It is time for us to embrace and promote 'climate nationalism,' whereby our love and pride for our nation is combined with the persistent struggle and commitment to prevent the threat of climate change from decimating Indonesia's future, and our future.

Salam,

***Generasi Emas 2045
(2045 Golden Generation)***

**This declaration is adapted from the language of Indonesia's National Youth Pledge, which was written by one of the nations' Founding Fathers. The pledge has been recited by Indonesian youths every year on October 28, since 1928:*

- *We the sons and daughters of Indonesia, acknowledge one motherland, Indonesia.*
- *We the sons and daughters of Indonesia, acknowledge one nation, the nation of Indonesia.*
- *We the sons and daughters of Indonesia, respect the language of unity, the Indonesian language.*

