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Madam President,

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***Parliamentary conference in the sideline of the 60th Anniversary of the Asian African Conference
on 23rd April 2015 in Jakarta, Indonesia.***

At the outset, allow me to extend my personal greeting to you. Recognizing the major economic and political transformation in the last two decades, and the new dimensions of relationships within the South and between the South and the North, it is timely for an intensive dialogue among parliamentarians of the Asia and Africa region. Therefore, in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Asia-Africa Conference, we are pleased to announce that the House of Representatives of Indonesia will be hosting the first parliamentary conference, on Strengthening the Role of Parliament in the South-South Cooperation to promote World Peace and Prosperity, and it is an honor to invite you to this forum.

South-South cooperation is initiated, organized and managed by developing countries themselves. It is a new means of cooperation enabling mutually supportive sharing of knowledge and experience, training, technology transfer, financial and monetary cooperation and in-kind contributions amongst emerging countries, as well as between the emerging countries and least developed countries, in the South. On that note, determined efforts to intensify South-South cooperation on the basis of collective self reliance are vital for promoting our own development. The House of Representatives of Indonesia believes that participation of parliament in the dialogue on South-South Cooperation will not only adding parliamentary dimension to foster cooperation between Parliaments on that issue but also to promote collective self reliant to support various fields of intergovernmental cooperation.

I, therefore, on behalf of the House of Representatives of Indonesia looks forward to welcoming Your Excellency and delegation in Jakarta, as it will ensure the inclusion of parliamentary perspectives in the 60th Asia Africa Conference Commemoration.

Yours sincerely,

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