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Joint Statement

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Thank you, Mr/Madam President.

I make this statement on behalf of AWID, ISHR and Solidaritas Perempuan. In Indonesia, the current economic and development model increase women's structural poverty through land grabbing, environmental degradation, displacement, and loss of livelihoods. Now Indonesia's Job Creation Law is sold as an economic driver, but in reality has gendered human rights impacts. Solidaritas Perempuan is challenging this in the Constitutional Court

Women are disproportionately affected because they rely on land and natural resources for food, water, livelihoods, and care work, yet are often excluded from land ownership and decision-making. This is evident in the MNP Port Project in Makassar, hydropower projects, land- grabbing in Poso, and the geothermal project in Poco Leok.

Women human rights defenders from our organization face violence and criminalization. This reflects a broader, severe crisis across agrarian conflicts nationwide; In 2023 alone, 114 women human rights defenders experienced sexual assault, 19 were criminalised, and two were shot by the police.

We call on the Council to urge the Government of Indonesia to **withdraw the military and police from land disputes and environmental conflicts**, protect human rights defenders, and ensure development is guided by gender-ecological justice concepts of **redistribution, recognition, and women's meaningful participation**.

Development should reduce poverty, not increase women's dispossession, violence, or exclusion.

Thank you.