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**SHADOW REPORT LAUNCHING:
ONE YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PRESIDENTIAL INSTRUCTION
ON PALM OIL MORATORIUM
“A vision without action”**

[**Jakarta, September 26, 2019**] September 2019 is exactly one year after the issuance of Presidential Instruction No. 8 of 2018 on the Postponement and Evaluation of Palm Oil Plantation Licenses and Improvement of Palm Oil Plantations Productivity.

Inda Fatinaware, Executive Director of Sawit Watch said, "Our monitoring over the past year suggests that the work regarding palm oil moratorium implementation is still limited to preparation and coordination. It is known that the work team at the national level is consolidating data from related ministries/institutions to ascertain the total area of palm oil cover in Indonesia."

"In spite of the Presidential Instruction, cases of overlapping palm oil plantations and forest area, which have come to public attention, remain unsolved. Even though some of them have already been found guilty, the government keeps postponing execution. We also note that, from 25 Provinces and 247 Districts / Cities with palm oil plantations, the majority (19 provinces, and 239 Districts / Cities) have not responded to the Instruction. We say that the implementation of the Presidential Instruction on palm oil moratorium is "a vision without action" since it shows no significant achievement." Such was Inda's statement during **Media Discussion and Soft Launching of “One Year Implementation of Presidential Instruction on Palm Oil Moratorium: A Vision without Action?”** report held on Thursday, September 26th, 2019 at Hotel Aone Jakarta.

Deden Pramudyana from Independent Forestry Monitoring Network (JPIK) added, "Our monitoring in Central Kalimantan found expansion of palm oil plantations around Sebangau National Park, along the border to the center of the national park area. We don't want the case of Tesso Nilo National Park (palm oil plantations within forest area) to occur in Sebangau National Park. The momentum of Presidential Instruction on palm moratorium should be seized by the government to immediately review palm oil plantation licenses in Sebangau National Park."

Agung Ady from Forest Watch Indonesia conveyed a similar argument. "We also found that there are still many cases of palm oil plantations in forest area. In South Sumatra, six companies with an area of approximately 6,000 hectares invaded Dangku Wildlife Reserve Area. In West Kalimantan, PT. RK operates in Arus Deras River Protection Forest, and in Papua, around 61.24% (1.81 million hectares) of the total area of palm oil plantations in Papua is still located in forest area. Although the data were released before Presidential Instruction on palm

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moratorium was enacted, we hope that the national work team will use these as initial data to immediately resolve," said Agung.

Abu Meridian from Kaoem Telapak said, "We found that East Kalimantan Spatial Plan in two periods, 1996-2006 and 2016-2036, used as spatial reference for palm oil plantations, has been using forest area and there are numerous land use rights issued without specific information."

"Basically, we see this Presidential Instruction as a positive force because the spirit is to improve palm oil plantations governance. However, lack of coordination between ministries, if not improved, may hinder its implementation in the future," added Abu.

Teguh Surya, Executive Director of Yayasan Madani Berkelanjutan, explained "Our analysis found that there are more than one million hectares of palm oil plantations in moratorium-protected area or PIPPIB Revision XV (primary natural forest and peatland areas). The 724 concessions are spread over 24 provinces. This is critical and requires immediate review by the government," said Teguh.

"In addition, amidst the escalating forest and land fires, we also checked fire spots in the one million hectares area and found that the area had also been burned in 2016-2017 and again in 2019 (January - August 2019). Riau and West Kalimantan have the highest number of fire spots. We hope that the Ministry of Environment and Forestry and the police would open up and immediately respond to this with law enforcement," Teguh continued.

Based on the shadow report, civil society coalition presents recommendations for instructed parties in Presidential Instruction 8/2018 to ensure that Palm Oil Moratorium is implemented optimally in the two remaining years, namely:

1. For the President to instruct the relevant ministries/institutions to immediately make a one-stop roadmap for implementing palm oil moratorium.
2. For relevant ministries to immediately take follow-up actions for Provinces / Districts that have committed to support the implementation of palm oil moratorium by facilitating development of technical regulations on site level and budgetary support.
3. For relevant ministries to include cross-stakeholders engagement, such as civil society organizations and interfaith organizations, in palm oil moratorium implementation and monitoring.
4. For relevant ministries to increase transparency and public access to data regarding land use rights and business permits of palm oil companies. Transparency of palm oil plantations land use rights (HGU) is critical to pinpoint parties responsible for forest and land fire and to support law enforcement efforts.
5. Provincial and district areas with small area of palm oil plantation cover but with large forest cover within palm oil concessions must also be prioritized in the implementation of palm oil moratorium.

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