INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY ALLIANCE (IDA)
Member Organisations:
Disabled Peoples' International, Down Syndrome International, Inclusion International,
International Federation of Hard of Hearing People,
World Blind Union, World Federation of the Deaf,
World Federation of the DeafBlind,
World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry,
Arab Organization of Disabled People, European Disability Forum,
Latin American Network of Non-Governmental Organizations of Persons with
Disabilities and their Families, Pacific Disability Forum

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of persons with disabilities in Indonesia, 108th session

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Articles 2, 16, 25, 26 ICCPR
There is an exclusion from the right to vote and stand for election inscribed in Indonesia’s Law on General Elections which is directed at persons with psychosocial disabilities.

Electoral Law:
(1999: Law Number 3 on General Election)
• Article 29 section (2): "To be registered as a voter, he/she should meet the following requirements…a. not visibly suffering from mental disorder/ insanity…"
• Article 43 section (1) states: "A candidate for membership of DPR, DPRD I, and DPRD II should meet the following requirements…(i) not visibly suffering from mental disturbance/insanity."

Proposed Recommendation to the Government:

• Take steps to remove provisions from the General Election Law that exclude from the right to vote and to stand for election: persons with disabilities "visibly suffering from mental disorder/insanity", which is violation of Article 25, ICCPR and Article 29, CRPD and contrary to the latest international standards on political participation.
• Take steps to remove derogatory language to refer to persons with disabilities in the law and government policies and programmes, and eliminate the medical/welfare model of disability, and introduce a human rights based approach to disability.
• Take steps to accede to the Optional Protocol of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.