World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) and Indonesian Student Christian Movement (GMKI) Strongly Condemn the Bomb Attacks in cities of Indonesia and Call for Solidarity and Dialogue for Peace

“We leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27

We are shocked, outraged and concerned about the series of bomb attacks in the cities of Indonesia killing many innocent lives. On May 8, Mako Brimbob Rutan attack killed 5 police personnel, three Churches of Surabaya were targeted named - Church of Santa Maria, Indonesian Christian Church, & the Pentecostal Church were attacked through suicide bombings on May 13, killing 13 civilians and injuring 41, followed by another suicide bombing on the same day in Sidoarjo killing 7 civilians, on May 14, yet another suicide bombing at the Surabaya Mapolresta Office injuring 4 police personnel and 6 civilians. The sequel of the bomb attacks has certainly created a deep terror and trauma in the hearts and minds of people of Indonesia. These violent attacks are reported as ISIS-inspired bombings.
We the World Student Christian Federation stand in solidarity with the people of Indonesia and strongly condemn the heinous act of violence against the peace-loving people and the community. We are deeply concerned about the extremist groups targeting families and innocent children and youth to carry out their act of crime against humanity. We uphold the innocent young children in our prayers who were misused by the radicals are equally victims of the system and radical teachings in the name of God. People of Indonesia have been coexisting peacefully for centuries by upholding the principles and values of respecting and embracing diversity. No doubt, the people of Indonesia came to streets in huge numbers to show their solidarity and to convey their message to the world that the land of Indonesia cannot be used as a breeding ground for extremism.

We the student community join hands with the peace lovers and seek solidarity of alliances to restore peace in the region as:

• We express our deepest condolences to the bereaved families who lost their loved ones both civilians and public personnel during the series of bomb attacks and continue to uphold the people in our prayers who are traumatized and going through a healing process
• We invite the Christian faith community to initiate interfaith dialogues to respect and embrace diversity for sustainable peace in the region and to dispel the politics of terror and violence
• We continue to uphold the police personnel, activists, volunteers, individuals, civil society and faith-based organizations who provide security and involved in the rescue operations and promoting peace and harmony in the country
• We believe that the government of Indonesia will provide extra protection to children and youth to protect their precious lives from the extremist groups
• We ask religious leaders of the world to continue playing an active role in combating terrorism in their regions through constructive dialogues with people of other faiths and communities involved in promoting peace
• We ask our global family of the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) to pray for victims who are still under trauma, care/healing and take initiatives in restoring peace and harmony in the country

The people of Indonesia and the world who believe in peace, diversity, and coexistence stood in solidarity against radicalism and extremism as they say in one voice
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As we envision a world of peace, justice, and harmony, we say this prayer in remembering the people of Indonesia:
May we be empowered by God’s unconditional love to dismantle the politics of terror and violence and promote peace, love, care, and compassion to one another

May we be enabled to see and recognize God’s image in our neighbors and respect the differences and embrace diversity

May the God of life, lead and strengthen us in solidarity to respond to the discrimination against people, communities, and nations and inspire us to transform our world as we envision to create a violence-free world for all. Amen

Be reassured of our prayers and solidarity. Remain in God’s presence and prayers meditating His words.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted, He rescues those whose spirits are crushed.” Psalm 34:18

See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before Me. Isaiah 49:16

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. Psalm 30:5

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Attached: Statement by Indonesia SCM (GMKI) and photos

Joint Statement Letter
According Terorism in Indonesia
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Melihat peristiwa tersebut, maka dengan ini kami menyatakan:


2. Kami menyampaikan turut berbelasungkawa atas meninggalnya 13 warga sipil korban aksi bom bunuh diri yang terjadi pada 3 Gereja (Gereja Santa Maria, Gereja Kristen Indonesia Jalan, Gereja Pantekosta) di Surabaya.


4. Kami menyerukan terorisme adalah kejahatan sistematis yang dapat mengganggu stabilitas keamanan global dan teroris merupakan musuh bersama dunia.

5. Kami meminta kepada PBB agar memberi himbauan kepada seluruh negara anggota PBB untuk berperan aktif dalam pemberantasan terorisme di dunia.


8. Kami memberikan apresiasi dan hormat kami kepada Kepolisian Republik Indonesia atas kerja kerasnya melindungi warga sipil dari serangan teroris.

9. Kami meminta kepada pemuka agama di seluruh dunia dapat berperan aktif dalam upaya pemberantasan terorisme melalui khotbah dalam bingkat persaudaraan dan kasih.

Saat ini merupakan masa yang penting bagi kelanjutan peradaban dunia, apakah dunia terpecah-belah karena paham radikalisme dan ektrimisme yang mengantarkan pada aksi terorisme. Berapa banyak korban lagi agar tercipta kehidupan harmonis tanpa ledakan bom?. Mari kita wujudkan dan tegakkan sikap melawan terorisme di dunia.

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Jakarta, 14 Mei 2018
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Terrorism incidents occur in a row in Indonesia. (1) Terrorist acts through a terrorist insurrection in Mako Brimbob Rutan on May 8, 2018, terrorists killed 5 police in a heinous manner. (2) Acts of terrorism through suicide bombings in 3 churches simultaneously (Church of Santa Maria, Indonesian Christian Church, Pentecostal Church) in Surabaya on 13
May 2018, this suicide bombing killed 13 civilians and 41 minor injuries. (3) Acts of terrorism through suicide bombing in Sidoarjo on May 13, 2018, this suicide bombing killed 7 civilians. (4) Terrorism through suicide bombing at the Surabaya Mapolresta Office on May 14, 2018, this suicide bombing resulted in 4 police minor injuries and 6 civilians slightly injured.

Looking at the event, we hereby declare:

1. We express our condolences on the deaths of 5 police (Iptu Yudi Rospuji, Aipda Denny Setiadi, Bringpol Fandy Setyo Nugroho, Brigadier Syukron Fadhli, and Brigadier Chess Pamungkas) in efforts to eradicate terrorism in Mako Brimob Prison. May the charity and goodness of the deceased be accepted on the side of the Lord and for the families that are left to receive comfort and protection from God, amen.

2. We express our condolences on the deaths of 13 civilians who were victims of suicide bombings that occurred in 3 Churches (Church of Santa Maria, Indonesian Christian Church of the Road, Pentecostal Church) in Surabaya.

3. We ask the big family of the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) to pray for victims who are still in care/healing. May God heal physical wounds and traumatic wounds quickly in order to undergo activity as usual.

4. We call for terrorism is a systematic crime that can disrupt global security stability and terrorists are the common enemy of the world.

5. We ask the United Nations to appeal to all UN member states to take an active role in combating terrorism in the world.

6. We call on all the world Christian students to provide moral assistance to the Government of Indonesia in efforts to eradicate terrorism in Indonesia.

7. We are a big family of World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) stated always together with Indonesia against terrorism in Indonesia.

8. We give our appreciation and respect to the Indonesian National Police for their hard work protecting civilians from terrorist attacks.

9. We ask that religious leaders throughout the world can play an active role in eradicating terrorism through sermons in fraternity and love.

Today is an important period for the continuation of world civilization, whether the world is divided because of the radicalism and extremism that lead to acts of terrorism. How many more victims to create a harmonious life without a bomb explosion?. Let's manifest and uphold the fight against terrorism in the world.

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