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Regarding the Discourse on Postponing the 2024 General Election

The discourse on the postponing of the 2024 General Election (Pemilu) emerged after several heads of political parties made it public in recent weeks. Their main reason for the postponement is to maintain the stability of the economic recovery due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This discourse has generated controversies in the public sphere.

In response to this issue, The Habibie Center as an independent think tank that promotes the development and strengthening of democracy takes the following standpoints:

1. The Habibie Center firmly rejects the postponement of the 2024 General Election. The postponement of this election for whatever reasons, including the COVID-19 pandemic and economic recovery, will hurt the sustainability of democracy in Indonesia, which has shown a declining or regressing trend in recent years.
2. The Habibie Center deems that the postponement of the 2024 General Election is unconstitutional. It is against the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia Article 22E paragraph (1) and Article 7 that mandates the president and vice president to hold office for five years and can be reelected for one more term through the general election that follows the principles: direct, general, free, confidential, and honest and fair.
3. The Habibie Center believes that the postponement of the 2024 General Election will undermine the certainty of a democratic and orderly circulation of power and betray the spirit of limiting the power, as a means to avoid the return of authoritarianism in Indonesia.
4. The Habibie Center encourages the Government of Indonesia and the General Elections Commission (KPU) to continue the execution of the 2024 General Election according to the predetermined schedule and the election stages, namely the national election on February 14, 2024 and the local election on November 27, 2024, which will be held simultaneously.
5. Finally, The Habibie Center also invites all elements of Indonesian society to jointly reject the postponement of the 2024 General Election and oversee its implementation, according to the predetermined schedule.

The Habibie Center hereby concludes its points Regarding the discourse on postponing the 2024 General Election for public attention and support.

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