



STATEMENT/INTERVENTION

Agenda Item Number: 12

Agenda Item Title: Geographical names as culture, heritage and identity, including indigenous, minority and regional languages and multilingual issues

Title of paper/report: Place Name Politics in Multilingual Areas: A Comparative Study of Southern Carinthia, Austria, and the Těšín/Cieszyn region, Czechia

Statement/intervention provided by:

REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

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THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA greatly appreciates the efforts and initiative of Austria to investigate the use of minority place-name and their standardization.

THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA recognizes and values the importance of minority place-name standardization on the background of varying political and societal structures. In Indonesia, there is a street name called *Warung Buncit* Street located in Jakarta, the capital city of Indonesia. Based on the narrative of the Chairman of the Betawi Cultural Institute, Haji Irwan Sjafi'i, as outlined by senior journalist Alwi Shahab in his book entitled *Robinhood Betawi*. *Warung Buncit* Street is a mingling place of Betawi ethnic and Chinese ethnic where they live side by side by promoting tolerance and harmony. *Betawi ethnic* is the indigenous society that lived in Jakarta where Chinese ethnic people became the minority. The history of this street name is based on a Chinese trader who opened the *warung* (store in Bahasa Indonesia) who had a potbelly (in Bahasa Indonesia known as *buncit*) in that area around 1960. Due the store is famous, many people called the area *Warung Buncit*. In 2018, the Governor of Jakarta proposed to change the street name into a national hero's name. The proposal was rejected by many citizens, cultural experts, and historians because the original name has a strong history. This rejection shows that the society in Jakarta supports the minority place-name. However, the study on minority place-names in Indonesia conducted by BIG and the Group of Experts on Toponymy is very limited because the main focus is still to provide large-scale maps of the country. Indonesia is eager to learn more about this case from Austria.

Thank You.

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