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Item 5 (a) of the provisional agenda ***Technical expertise: Names collection, office treatment, features beyond a single
sovereignty and international cooperation****Managing Geographical Names of Administrative Regions:
Indonesia's Coding System Based on Minister of Home
Affairs Regulation No. 58 of 2021****Summary ****

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia has enacted Government Regulation No. 2 of 2021 to safeguard territorial sovereignty, preserve cultural heritage, and improve administrative management. As a follow-up, the Ministry of Home Affairs issued Regulation No. 58 of 2021, establishing a standardized coding system for administrative regions and islands. This system ensures consistency and accuracy in territorial data, supporting the principles of good governance.

The Administrative Region and Island Code, hereinafter referred to as the Code, serves as the unique numerical identity for administrative regions and islands across Indonesia. It covers provinces, regencies/cities, districts (or equivalent terms), villages (or equivalent terms), sub-districts, and islands. This coding system resolves issues of identical names in different locations, facilitates efficient data management, and enhances public administration, population management, and regional planning. By integrating geographical, cultural, and historical aspects, the Code adheres to toponymy standards, providing a robust framework for managing and documenting Indonesia's diverse regions and islands.

To address the dynamic nature of administrative and geographical data, the Ministry of Home Affairs has issued a supporting policy in the form of an annual or as-needed Ministerial Decree on the Allocation and Updating of Codes for Administrative Regions and Islands. This policy ensures that the coding system remains current and relevant to national interests.

The allocation and updating of codes for administrative region data rely on proposals from local governments and recommendations from relevant components within the Ministry of Home Affairs. Meanwhile, the updating of island codes involves local government proposals and national-level verification of island names. This structured

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approach ensures the accuracy and inclusivity of geographical data, which is critical for effective governance and national development.

By integrating Minister of Home Affairs Regulation No. 58 of 2021 into its governance framework, Indonesia has enhanced administrative efficiency, ensured data accuracy, and supported sustainable national development. Furthermore, this regulatory framework underscores Indonesia's commitment to global cooperation by aligning its geographical names management system with international standards and contributing actively to initiatives led by the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN). This initiative highlights Indonesia's efforts to utilize standardized geographical names to preserve its cultural heritage, strengthen territorial sovereignty, and foster better governance.