



Centrist Democrat International appoints PKB Chairman as Vice President

H. Muhaimin Iskandar elected Vice President of the world's largest political network

CDI resolution lauds speech by Indonesia's Minister of Religious Affairs and pledges support for "the [G20] agenda described by Minister Qoumas in that address"

BRUSSELS, Belgium, October 28 – 29, 2021: The world's largest political network has resolved to support the [agenda](#) set by Indonesia's Minister of Religious Affairs & Humanitarian Islam co-founder H. Yaqut Cholil Qoumas for his nation's G20 Interfaith Forum — a move likely to bolster Indonesia's Presidency of the G20 and increase its global impact.

In a strong demonstration of support for the global Humanitarian Islam movement, the Honorable H. Muhaimin Iskandar, Chairman of PKB — Indonesia's largest Islamic political party, which Nahdlatul Ulama spiritual leaders founded in 1998 — was appointed CDI Vice President and joined CDI's Executive Committee, the organization's highest decision-making body. Centrist Democrat International (CDI) has over 100 member parties in more than 70 nations, including the largest political group within the European Union, the European People's Party (EPP).

In addition to serving as PKB Chairman, Muhaimin Iskandar is one of Indonesia's most senior political figures, and currently serves as Deputy Speaker of the People's Representative Assembly (DPR).

At its General Assembly held in Brussels on October 29, 2021, Centrist Democrat International unanimously adopted a [Resolution on Indonesia's vital contribution to a rules-based international order](#) submitted by PKB. The resolution states "that Christian democracy and Humanitarian Islam are kindred traditions"; acknowledges "that the Humanitarian Islam movement embodies the collective wisdom of Indonesia's multi-religious and multi-ethnic civilization and the noble values of Islam, including *rahmah* (universal love and compassion)"; lauds "the address delivered by Indonesia's Minister of Religious Affairs, the Honorable Yaqut Cholil Qoumas, at the closing ceremony of the G20 Interfaith Forum in Bologna, Italy on September 14, 2021"; supports "the agenda described by Minister Qoumas in that address"; and "[c]alls upon governments and civil society institutions to join the Republic of Indonesia and the Humanitarian Islam movement in preserving and strengthening a rules-based international order founded upon shared civilizational values."

Commenting on these developments, Nahdlatul Ulama General Secretary KH. Yahya Cholil Staquf said:

"Muhaimin Iskandar's appointment as Vice President and Member of CDI's Executive Committee will significantly strengthen the global Humanitarian Islam movement as well as Nahdlatul Ulama's, PKB's and Indonesia's influence upon the world stage."