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Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth. The Parable of His Light is as if there were a Niche and within it a Lamp: the Lamp enclosed in Glass: the glass as it were a brilliant star: Lit from a blessed Tree, an Olive, neither of the east nor of the west, whose oil is well-nigh luminous, though fire scarce touched it: Light upon Light! Allah doth guide whom He will to His Light: Allah doth set forth Parables for men: and Allah doth know all things.

— (Q.S. 24:35)

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And this worldly life is not but diversion and amusement. And indeed, the home of the Hereafter – that is the [eternal] life, if only they knew.

— (Q.S. 29:64)

Kemenangan hari ini, bukanlah berarti, kemenangan esok hari. Kegagalan hari ini, bukanlah berarti, Kegagalan esok hari.

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ABSTRACT

Vaccine diplomacy has become the phenomenon amidst the COVID-19 pandemic in which countries' foreign policy management contains a substantial focus to acquire access to the COVID-19 vaccine. In Indonesia's vaccine diplomacy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) plays a primary role in securing COVID-19 vaccine access, helping Indonesia combat the pandemic. On this phenomenon, this study aims to observe how the role of DPR RI as the non-governmental actor in Indonesia's vaccine diplomacy through the landscape of multi-track diplomacy and parliament diplomacy as the conceptual framework. This study identified DPR RI's contribution through parliamentary diplomacy towards Indonesia's vaccine diplomacy. Parliamentary diplomacy has become a supporting corridor for Indonesia's vaccine diplomacy in which DPR RI's consistently promote the issues of fair and equal vaccines access and distribution on the international stage. This variable then led to amplifying Indonesia's bargaining position at the international level related to vaccines issues that allow Indonesia's concern in vaccine diplomacy to be heard, respected, and trusted to take the role at the strategic level. Furthermore, as parliamentary diplomacy allows DPR RI to communicate with policymakers, parliamentary diplomacy also stimulates Indonesia's inter-executive agreement with other countries related to COVID-19 vaccines procurement and development.

Keywords: DPR RI, Indonesia's vaccine diplomacy, parliamentary diplomacy.

ABSTRAK

Diplomasi vaksin merupakan fenomena di tengah pandemi COVID-19 di mana manajemen kebijakan luar negeri negara memuat fokus khusus untuk memperoleh akses vaksin COVID-19. Dalam diplomasi vaksin Indonesia, Kementerian Luar

Negeri memainkan peranan utama untuk mengamankan akses vaksin COVID-19 yang membantu Indonesia mengatasi pandemi. Atas fenomena tersebut, penelitian ini bertujuan untuk melihat bagaimana peran DPR RI sebagai aktor non-pemerintah dalam diplomasi vaksin Indonesia melalui lanskap diplomasi multi-jalur dan diplomasi parlemen sebagai kerangka konseptual. Penelitian ini mengidentifikasi kontribusi DPR RI melalui diplomasi parlementer terhadap diplomasi vaksin Indonesia. Diplomasi parlemen menjadi koridor pendukung diplomasi vaksin Indonesia di mana DPR RI secara konsisten mengedepankan isu akses dan distribusi vaksin yang adil dan merata di kancah internasional. Variabel ini kemudian memperkuat posisi tawar Indonesia di tingkat internasional terkait isu vaksin yang memungkinkan perhatian Indonesia dalam diplomasi vaksin didengar, dihargai, dan dipercaya untuk mengambil peran di level strategis. Selain itu, karena diplomasi parlemen memungkinkan DPR RI berkomunikasi dengan pemangku kebijakan negara lain, diplomasi parlemen juga mendorong terciptanya kesepakatan antar eksekutif Indonesia dengan negara lain terkait pengadaan dan pengembangan vaksin COVID-19.

Kata Kunci: diplomasi parlemen, diplomasi vaksin Indonesia, DPR RI.

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