

CHAPTER 1

1.1 Background

INTRODUCTION

Currently, Indonesia is still the world's number one palm oil produce country, controlling 58% of the world's palm market share. The negative issues that developed countries often face in the development of Indonesian palm oil are also unclear, whether it is really to protect the world from the threat of climate change or simply to defend the interests of these developed countries. Statistical data say that the EU is Indonesia's second largest palm export destination after India. However, on the other hand Indonesia development cannot accept about the European Parliament's EU Resolution on Palm Oil and Deforestation of Rainforest or Palm Oil and Tropical Forest Deforestation on palm oil business 2017. Hence, the European Union argue that this disruption of Indonesia palm oil export to the EU would have an effect on Indonesia economy. For that, this issue of palm oil became an important part of Indonesian palm diplomacy in the world.

Therefore, the intern would like to gain more the issue through internship through Foreign Ministry Affairs Indonesia. Furthermore, the intern could be taken to the professional field, and there are several ways can be used as a place to train the student to the professional work life.

This internship is expected to last for a two-month period starting from August to October 2023. During the time, the intern is ready to learn and adapt to the working environment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and involve himself in everyday activities and tasks assigned to the intern. The intern also hopes to learn from experienced diplomats and officially, gain a direct view of the practice of diplomacy, and develop important communication and negotiation skills in this field.

1.2 Purpose of the Internship

The purpose of this internship is to obtain resetting data for the research the intern did for the final task with the topic of the palm oil negative campaign and to contribute significantly to understanding related issues. The intern would like to explore research methodologies, collect and analyze data, and produce valuable findings for scientific advancement in this field. Furthermore, to obtain resetting data for the research, the intern studied the topic of the palm oil negative campaign and to contribute significantly to understanding related issues. Therefore, the intern strongly desires to be placed in the *Foreign Policy Strategy Agency* which will provide the

opportunity to learn and practice the analysis and research skills needed to make effective foreign policy. During the internship, the intern will be involved in the process of data collection, policy analysis, and policy recommendations.

The intern hopes to compile a comprehensive research report and present satisfactory research results. Thus, the intern can develop the necessary communication and analysis skills to become an effective intern.

1.3 Benefit of the Internship

With this internship, the ministry will have the chance to identify prospective young talent. Moreover, agencies can find people with extraordinary abilities and potential by involving students in real projects. Additionally, interns frequently contribute fresh and innovative ideas to the Ministry. They can assist organizations in examining current issues from several angles, offering original solutions, and fostering creativity. Therefore, internships aid the university in curriculum improvement and practical component integration. Colleges can update and improve their curriculum to include more beneficial practical elements by taking into account students' own experience at work. Colleges can assist students in gaining valuable work experience and improved job possibilities in the future through internships. This can improve the campus's reputation and foster the confidence of potential students and financial aid sources.

As a student of International Relations who has a strong understanding of the theories of international diplomacy and politics, the intern believe that this internship will give the intern the opportunity to apply any knowledge in a real context and expand the practical insights needed for success in diplomacy and international relations.