

STATEMENT _ Nukila Evanty

I am Nukila Evanty, from Women Working Group Indonesia and as Representative of the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. Recently the major obstacles is access to justice and equal treatment for women' which attributes to the ability of women to practice the systems of justice established in the constitutions of each country, as well as the customary law and religious systems . My experience of advocating for female migrant workers from the prevention of trafficking in persons crime at the border areas between Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore in 2022-2023 has taught me that there are many challenges: from government and law enforcement institutions such as the police who are less responsive or lack the women victim's perspective in following up on crime reports; access to legal advice and inefficiency of legal aid because of the bureaucratic process. When I advocated in early 2023 for an Indonesian female survivor who was running away from being chased by Samseng or gangsters from Malaysia, there was lack of physical, mental or psychosocial protection for the female survivor. She is living in constant fear . My Recommendations are :

First : to improve the accessibility of the justice system for women of all backgrounds;

Second : to provide maximum access to safety , autonomy, effective remedy, consistent support and referral mechanism and the wellbeing for women and victims in the justice system

Three : it needs good coordination of cross-border law enforcement officers particularly regarding the crime of trafficking in persons

Fourth : to provide support for women's organisations and women's rights groups to enhance their contributions to legal aid, legal education and legal empowerment for women, particularly in the border areas.