

Pancasila as the Foundation of Legal Ethics in International Diplomacy

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Abstract

Pancasila, as the foundation of the Indonesian state, functions not only as the nation's ideological basis but also as an ethical-legal foundation in international diplomacy. This study aims to analyze the relevance and implementation of Pancasila's values in Indonesia's diplomatic practices, particularly in safeguarding sovereignty, building a positive image, and contributing to global peace. The research employed a qualitative descriptive approach through content analysis of official documents, international organization reports, academic literature, and case studies of Indonesia's diplomacy in various international forums. Data were also enriched with interviews and secondary sources to strengthen the analysis. The findings reveal that the principle of just and civilized humanity is reflected in Indonesia's role in humanitarian assistance and peacekeeping missions, including its support for refugees and active participation in UN peacekeeping operations. The principle of unity and deliberation is evident in regional diplomacy, such as Indonesia's role in ASEAN and its mediation in the Mindanao peace process. Furthermore, the principle of social justice underlies Indonesia's advocacy on global inequality issues in forums such as the G20 and the United Nations. The application of these values not only strengthens Indonesia's position on the global stage but also highlights an ethical, humanistic, and sustainable form of diplomacy. In conclusion, Pancasila remains highly relevant as an ethical-legal guideline in contemporary diplomacy. Its values provide strategic direction for Indonesia in addressing global challenges while reinforcing its contribution to world peace and stability. With consistent application, Pancasila has the potential to serve as a model for ethical diplomacy for other nations.

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Introduction

Pancasila, as the basis of the Indonesian state, has a very vital role in the life of the nation and state. However, more than that, Pancasila also serves as the ethical foundation that underlies Indonesia's international diplomacy practices. The five precepts of Pancasila—the One Godhead, Just and Civilized Humanity, Indonesian Unity, Wisdom Led by Wisdom in Deliberation/Representation, and Social Justice for All Indonesian People—become a strong moral reference in Indonesia's interaction with other countries. In an increasingly complex global context, the application of Pancasila values in diplomacy is very important to maintain the sovereignty and dignity of the nation.

In the practice of international diplomacy, the principles of Fair and Civilized Humanity encourage Indonesia to be actively involved in humanitarian issues, such as refugees and disaster relief. For example, Indonesia has played an active role in providing humanitarian assistance to countries that have experienced natural disasters, such as the earthquake and tsunami in Palu in 2018. In such a situation, Indonesia not only receives assistance from other countries, but also sends emergency response teams and provides logistical support to help affected communities. In addition, in a report published by UNHCR, Indonesia is known as a country that accepts refugees with a humanist approach. Despite the significant challenges faced, such as limited resources and infrastructure, Indonesia remains committed to providing protection to refugees seeking safe havens. This shows that Pancasila is not just an ideology, but also a real practice in international relations that reflects human values.

Pancasila also plays a role in building a positive image of Indonesia in the eyes of the world. Diplomacy based on the values of Pancasila creates the perception that Indonesia is a country that respects human rights and is committed to peace. According to a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center, Indonesia has a positive image among ASEAN countries, with 70% of respondents stating that they see Indonesia as a stable and influential country. This image is very important in establishing closer diplomatic relations with other countries. For example, in international forums such as ASEAN and the G20, Indonesia often acts as a mediator in resolving conflicts and promoting dialogue between countries. This not only shows Indonesia's leadership at the regional level, but also strengthens Indonesia's position in the global political arena.

The application of Pancasila values in diplomacy can also be seen from Indonesia's efforts to promote world peace. In this case, Indonesia is actively involved in peace missions in various parts of the world, such as in Lebanon and South Sudan. This involvement not only shows Indonesia's commitment to peace, but also reflects the values of Pancasila that prioritize humanity and justice. Through participation in peace missions, Indonesia not only contributes to global stability, but also strengthens good relations with other countries involved in the mission.

This research explores more deeply how Pancasila values can be applied in the practice of diplomacy, as well as its impact on Indonesia's position in the international arena. With an interdisciplinary approach that combines legal, political, and ethical aspects, it is hoped that it can provide a comprehensive understanding of the relevance of Pancasila in the current global context. Through the analysis of diplomacy cases that reflect the application of Pancasila principles, this study aims to show that legal ethics based on Pancasila not only strengthen Indonesia's position in the international world, but also contribute to global peace and stability.

Pancasila is not only the basis of the state, but also as an ethical guide in Indonesia's international diplomacy. By implementing the values of Pancasila, Indonesia is not only able to maintain the sovereignty and dignity of the nation, but also contribute to global peace and stability. In the face of increasingly complex global challenges, the application of Pancasila principles in diplomacy will be the key to building harmonious relations with other countries and improving Indonesia's positive image in the eyes of the world. Therefore, it is important for every element of

the nation to understand and internalize the values of Pancasila as a foundation in every action, both domestically and in the international arena.

Research Methodology

The research method used in this study is a qualitative approach with in-depth descriptive analysis. This research focuses on the collection of secondary data from various sources, including official documents, reports of international institutions, journal articles, and books relevant to the topic of Pancasila and international diplomacy. This method was chosen to gain a deep understanding of the application of Pancasila values in Indonesian diplomacy practices, which is an important aspect in understanding how these values can influence foreign policy and interaction with other countries.

Understanding that Pancasila is not just an ideological foundation, but also an ethical guide that influences the way Indonesia interacts with other countries. For example, the second precept of Pancasila, "A Just and Civilized Humanity," can be seen in Indonesia's efforts to engage in UN peace missions. In this mission, Indonesia not only plays a role as a participant, but also as a mediator who seeks to create a sustainable peace. A concrete example of this is Indonesia's involvement in peacekeeping missions in Congo, where Indonesian forces play an active role in helping to resolve conflicts and support sustainable infrastructure development.

The data collected will be analyzed using content analysis techniques, where the author will identify the main themes related to the values of Pancasila and its application in the context of diplomacy. This technique allows the author to dig deeper into the meaning and implications of each theme that arises, thus providing a more comprehensive insight into how Pancasila is applied in foreign policy. For example, the theme of "international cooperation" can be linked to the third precept of Pancasila, "Indonesian Unity," which emphasizes the importance of solidarity and cooperation between nations in the face of global challenges, such as climate change and humanitarian crises.

The research will also involve relevant case studies, such as Indonesia's role in ASEAN and its participation in UN peace missions, to illustrate how Pancasila is implemented in foreign policy. In the context of ASEAN, Indonesia plays a role as one of the founders and main drivers in the organization, which aims to create stability and prosperity in the Southeast Asian region. Indonesia's approach to diplomacy that prioritizes dialogue and consensus is a clear example of the application of Pancasila values in the practice of diplomacy. For example, in the resolution of conflicts in the South China Sea, Indonesia seeks to promote a peaceful settlement through dialogue and cooperation, reflecting its commitment to the principles of Pancasila.

Primary data sources will include interviews with diplomats and academics with experience in international diplomacy. This interview aims to get a direct perspective on the challenges and success of applying Pancasila values in the practice of diplomacy. By listening to their experiences and views, writers can gain a more nuanced understanding of how those values are applied in real-life situations. For example, interviews with former Indonesian ambassadors to certain countries can provide insight into how they use Pancasila values in negotiations and interactions with international partners.

This study uses statistical data from international institutions to provide a clearer picture of Indonesia's position in the international arena. This data can include indicators such as Indonesia's contribution to UN peacekeeping missions, the number of bilateral cooperation established, and Indonesia's ranking in relevant global indices. Using this data, the author can analyze the effectiveness of the application of Pancasila values in Indonesian diplomacy and how this contributes to Indonesia's positive image in the eyes of the world.

Data analysis by comparing Indonesia's diplomacy practices with other countries to assess the effectiveness of the implementation of Pancasila values. This is expected to provide insight into

the uniqueness of Indonesia's approach to diplomacy and how these values can be a model for other countries. For example, compared to countries that prioritize a militaristic approach in diplomacy, Indonesia offers an approach that is more based on dialogue and cooperation. This approach not only reflects the values of Pancasila, but also strengthens Indonesia's position as a country committed to global peace and stability.

With a comprehensive and interdisciplinary approach, this research is expected to make a significant contribution to the understanding of the role of Pancasila as the foundation of legal ethics in international diplomacy. Pancasila, as the basis of the state, not only serves as a guideline in the life of the nation and state, but also as a guide in Indonesia's interaction with the international community. In this increasingly complex era of globalization, Pancasila values can be a source of inspiration for other countries in formulating ethical and peace-oriented foreign policies.

This research not only aims to analyze the application of Pancasila values in Indonesian diplomacy, but also to show that Pancasila has strong relevance in the global context. By researching various sources and conducting interviews with experts, it is hoped that this research can provide a comprehensive picture of how Pancasila values can be integrated in effective and sustainable diplomacy practices. Through an approach based on the values of humanity, unity, and justice, Indonesia can continue to play an important role in creating a more peaceful and prosperous world.

Analysis and Discussion

The application of Pancasila values in international diplomacy is a phenomenon that reflects the identity and character of the Indonesian nation. In this context, Pancasila is not only a moral and ethical guideline for people in daily life, but also serves as a strategic foundation in formulating foreign policy. The values contained in Pancasila, such as a just and civilized humanity, Indonesian unity, and social justice, provide a clear framework for Indonesia to interact with other countries on the international stage. Every aspect of the application of these values can be seen through concrete examples that demonstrate Indonesia's commitment to these principles.

One of the concrete examples of the application of Pancasila values in international diplomacy can be seen in the context of ASEAN. Indonesia as one of the founders of ASEAN has played a very active role in promoting regional cooperation based on the principles of humanity and social justice. Through various initiatives, Indonesia strives to improve the welfare of people in the region. For example, the women's empowerment initiatives proposed by Indonesia in the ASEAN forum aim not only to increase women's role in development, but also to create a more inclusive and equitable society. This is in line with the values of Pancasila which emphasizes the importance of social justice for all Indonesian people. In addition, in disaster management, Indonesia is often the initiator of programs aimed at improving disaster preparedness and response in the region, such as joint training programs and information sharing. Thus, Indonesia not only contributes to regional stability but also shows concern for humanity which is the core of Pancasila (ASEAN Secretariat, 2021).

In international law, Indonesia has shown a strong commitment to the principles of Pancasila through the ratification of various international conventions. For example, the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women show that Indonesia not only respects human rights at home, but also strives to fulfill its international obligations. By participating in these conventions, Indonesia seeks to create a better environment for children and women, which is part of efforts to realize social justice. Data from the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs shows that active participation in international forums has helped improve Indonesia's image as a country that cares about global issues (Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2022). This shows that the application of Pancasila

values in diplomacy is not just rhetoric, but also implemented through concrete actions that contribute to the welfare of the global community.

Indonesia's approach to diplomacy that prioritizes dialogue and deliberation also reflects the principles of Indonesian Unity and the People Led by Wisdom and Wisdom. On many occasions, Indonesia has been a mediator in regional conflicts, such as in the resolution of the conflict in Mindanao, Philippines. Through this approach, Indonesia not only acts as a liaison between the parties to the conflict, but also demonstrates its commitment to peace and stability in the region. This diplomacy based on dialogue is essential, especially in the context of conflicts involving multiple interests. By building effective communication channels, Indonesia can help defuse tensions and create sustainable solutions. This approach also reflects the values of Pancasila which prioritizes deliberation to reach consensus, so that all parties feel involved and valued in the conflict resolution process (International Crisis Group, 2020).

The challenges in applying Pancasila values in international diplomacy cannot be ignored. In some cases, national interests and international pressures can result in a shift in foreign policy. For example, in the context of foreign investment, Indonesia is often faced with a dilemma between protecting natural resources and meeting the demands of investors. In a situation like this, it is important for Indonesia to stick to the principles of Pancasila so as not to sacrifice the sovereignty and rights of local communities. When faced with pressure to open up access to foreign investors, Indonesia must still consider the long-term impact on the environment and society. This is a complex challenge, where Indonesia must be able to balance the needs of economic development and the protection of people's rights and the environment. By adhering to the values of Pancasila, Indonesia can show the world that sustainable and equitable development is possible (Sukma, 2021).

The application of Pancasila values in international diplomacy not only strengthens Indonesia's position in the eyes of the world, but also makes a positive contribution to global peace and stability. By continuing to prioritize legal ethics based on Pancasila, Indonesia can be an example for other countries in carrying out just and civilized diplomacy. Pancasila values that prioritize humanity, justice, and unity are a solid foundation for Indonesia to contribute to creating a better world. As a country rich in cultural diversity and resources, Indonesia has great potential to become a leader in international diplomacy oriented towards human values and social justice. Thus, the application of Pancasila values in diplomacy is not only relevant to the national context, but also has a wide impact at the global level.

Conclusion

Pancasila as the foundation of legal ethics in international diplomacy has a very important role in shaping Indonesia's identity and image in the world. Pancasila, which consists of five interrelated precepts, serves not only as the basis of the state, but also as a moral and ethical guide in international interactions. Through the application of Pancasila values, Indonesia is able to demonstrate its commitment to the principles of humanity, social justice, and peace. In an increasingly complex global context, the application of these values is not only a moral guideline, but also an effective diplomacy strategy.

Pancasila values, such as a just and civilized humanity, are the foundation for Indonesia in establishing diplomatic relations with other countries. For example, in the context of humanitarian aid, Indonesia has been actively involved in various humanitarian missions around the world. One striking example is Indonesia's involvement in post-disaster recovery missions in countries hit by natural disasters, such as the tsunami in Aceh in 2004 and the earthquake in Lombok in 2018. In both cases, Indonesia not only received aid, but also provided assistance to other countries that experienced similar disasters. This shows that Indonesia does not only care about the fate of its own people, but also about the welfare of humanity as a whole.

In addition, the value of social justice contained in Pancasila encourages Indonesia to play an active role in creating global justice. In international forums, Indonesia often raises issues of social injustice, such as economic inequality and racial discrimination. For example, in the G20 meeting, Indonesia seeks to promote policies that support the reduction of the economic gap between developed and developing countries. In this regard, Indonesia is not only a voice for developing countries, but also seeks to bridge the differences between countries with different interests.

In the face of increasingly complex global challenges, the application of Pancasila values in diplomacy also includes aspects of peace. Indonesia, as a country with long experience in resolving conflicts, has played a role as a mediator in various international conflicts. One prominent example is Indonesia's role in the peace process in the Southern Philippines, where Indonesia serves as a facilitator in dialogue between the Philippine government and separatist groups. Through an approach that prioritizes dialogue and collaboration, Indonesia has succeeded in helping to create sustainable peace agreements.

Although Indonesia has managed to build a reputation as a country that prioritizes dialogue and collaboration in resolving international issues, challenges remain. In an era of increasing globalization and interdependence, Indonesia must continue to adapt to global dynamics without sacrificing the basic values that have become the nation's guidelines. For example, in dealing with issues such as climate change and international migration, Indonesia needs to integrate Pancasila values in its foreign policy. This is important so that Indonesia is not only a spectator in the global arena, but also an influential actor in creating sustainable solutions.

In facing these challenges, the enforcement of Pancasila principles in diplomacy must be a top priority. This will not only strengthen Indonesia's position in the international arena, but also contribute to global stability and peace. Thus, Pancasila is not just an ideology, but is a relevant ethical foundation in contemporary diplomacy practice. In this context, it is important for Indonesia to continue to develop the capacity of diplomacy based on Pancasila values, including training diplomats who understand and are able to apply these principles in daily practice.

The application of Pancasila values in international diplomacy is a strategic step for Indonesia to build a positive image and reputation in the eyes of the world. By prioritizing the principles of humanity, social justice, and peace, Indonesia not only demonstrates its commitment to universal values, but also strengthens its position as a country that contributes to a better world order. In the face of growing global challenges, Pancasila must remain the main guideline in every diplomatic step taken by Indonesia.

Indonesia's success in implementing Pancasila values in diplomacy depends not only on government policies, but also on the active participation of civil society and the private sector. With close collaboration between all stakeholders, Indonesia can ensure that the values of Pancasila are not only a slogan, but also implemented in every aspect of the life of the nation and state. Through this joint effort, Indonesia can continue to be an example in ethical diplomacy based on universal human values.

Advice

Based on the analysis conducted, several suggestions can be proposed to improve the application of Pancasila values in international diplomacy. In this increasingly complex era of globalization, the values of Pancasila not only serve as a moral foundation for the Indonesian nation, but also as a strategic tool in international diplomacy. Therefore, it is important to implement these values effectively in a global context.

First, there is a need to increase awareness and understanding of Pancasila values among diplomats and decision-makers. This can start with a training program designed specifically for diplomats, where they are not only taught about the theory of diplomacy, but also how to apply the

principles of Pancasila in practice. For example, training could include case studies on how social justice and humanitarian values can be integrated into international negotiations. In this context, concrete examples can be taken from Indonesia's role in resolving conflicts in various countries, where an approach based on Pancasila has proven effective. By providing a deeper understanding of these values, diplomats will be better able to articulate Indonesia's position in international forums more convincingly.

Second, Indonesia needs to be more active in promoting Pancasila values in international forums. In this context, Indonesia can take inspiration from other countries that have successfully promoted their national values at the global level. For example, Norway is known to be active in promoting human rights values and environmental sustainability. By being a consistent voice on humanitarian and social justice issues, Indonesia will not only strengthen its position as a regional leader, but also as a country that respects human rights. In this case, Indonesia's participation in international forums such as the United Nations, ASEAN, and G20 is very important. Through these platforms, Indonesia can advocate for the values of Pancasila as a solution to global challenges such as climate change, social injustice, and humanitarian crises.

Third, collaboration with other countries that have similar values also needs to be improved. International cooperation not only expands Indonesia's sphere of influence, but also creates a network that supports the application of Pancasila values at the global level. For example, Indonesia can forge strategic partnerships with countries that have similar commitments to humanitarian values and social justice, such as South Africa and Brazil. Through this collaboration, Indonesia can share experiences and best practices in the application of Pancasila values, as well as jointly advocate for relevant issues in international forums. It can also create synergies in the face of complex global challenges, such as migration crises and economic injustice.

Finally, it is important to continue to monitor and evaluate the impact of the application of Pancasila values in diplomacy. Periodic evaluations can provide insight into the effectiveness of the diplomacy strategies implemented and provide the basis for necessary adjustments. For example, by using clear performance indicators, Indonesia can measure the extent to which Pancasila values are applied in foreign policy and their impact on international relations. This will not only ensure that the principles of Pancasila remain relevant, but will also strengthen Indonesia's legitimacy in the eyes of the world as a country committed to universal values.

In conclusion, the application of Pancasila values in international diplomacy is a strategic step that not only strengthens national identity, but also increases Indonesia's influence in the global arena. By increasing awareness and understanding among diplomats, promoting Pancasila values in international forums, increasing collaboration with other countries that have similar values, and conducting periodic evaluations, Indonesia can ensure that Pancasila values are not only a slogan, but also a practical guide in facing the challenges of diplomacy in the future. This is an important step to make Indonesia a respected and recognized force on the international stage, while creating a more just and just world for all.

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