

ABSTRACT

Improving investment climate, particularly by increasing Ease of Doing Business (EODB) rank is one of the primary strategies of Indonesia to increase foreign direct investment flow. Although EODB rank of Indonesia has shown an increasing trend in recent years, the topics of Starting a Business and Registering Property are still lagging behind. Using document study, this study examines Indonesia's efforts toward improving both areas in the context of two different administrations—the first and the second President Joko Widodo administration. The efforts made to improve EODB focus on the policy changes to simplify the process of Starting a Business and Registering Property. In addition, this study also compares the characteristics of the first and second President Joko Widodo administration with regard to improvements made in EODB. Furthermore, this study also addresses political and economic aspects of EODB, particularly by analyzing political actors that support the enactment of regulations to improve EODB. This study found that the government of Indonesia has demonstrated consistent commitment to improving EODB by changing regulations so as to create a more favorable investment climate. Further, the second administration of President Joko Widodo was found to have a more ambitious agenda toward improving EODB.

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