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Following the mandatory implementation of International Financial Reporting Standards [IFRS] in Indonesia, this research examines its impacts on the quality of financial statement information in Indonesia which are measured by the proxy of earnings management, timely loss recognition and value relevance of accounting information. Research was conducted on 117 companies that are listed in Indonesia Stock Exchange determined by judgment sampling techniques and analyzed using multiple linear regression and logistic regression. The empirical results indicate that the implementation of IFRS has an effect to decrease earnings management and increase the value relevance of accounting information, but has no effect to increase the timely loss recognition. These findings contribute to the question of whether qualified accounting standards are effective in non-common law countries such as Indonesia.

Currently, accounting standards around the world seek to adopt International Financial Reporting Standards [IFRS] to reduce regulatory gaps and enhance the credibility and quality of the financial statements of business entities across the world. By adopting IFRS, financial reporting quality is expected to be better, more relevant, and more reliable. Ultimately, IFRS is expected to reduce moral hazard in the financial statements to conduct earnings management through accrual policy.

Several previous studies, such as: Barth et. al, 2006; Cormier et. al, 2009; Iatridis, 2010; and Chua et al, 2012, mostly done in countries with common law legal systems that have strong investor protection mechanism, concluded that the process of IFRS adoption or convergence becomes easier. In line with the previous studies, Liu et al (2011) conducted research in China [a non-common law country] also showed an increase in accounting quality by adopting IFRS. However, Tendeloo and Vanstraelen (2005) who conducted a study in Germany [the country with the code law system] found that the IFRS-adopters do not present different earnings management behavior compared to companies reporting under German GAAP. The findings of this study indicate that 'high-quality standards' were not sufficient and ineffective in countries with weak investor protection. Indonesia is a developing country that adopts a code law system, where the regulations made by

the government are heavily laden with political interests. Dominance of the government in making the regulation could be a barrier in the process of IFRS convergence in accounting standards.

This research is expected to contribute to answering the question of whether high quality accounting standards are effective in improving the quality of financial statement information for companies in non common law countries with weak investor protection rights.

IFRS is expected to improve the comparability and credibility of financial reporting in different countries. IFRS is also expected to improve the quality of financial statement information so that reliable and relevant to be used as a basis for economic decision.

Three categories in the measurement of the quality financial reporting information that is often used in previous research is earnings management, timely loss recognition, and value relevance (Tendeloo and Vanstraelen, 2005; Barth et al, 2006; Christensen and Walker, 2008; Cormier et al, 2009; Chen and Lin, 2010, Iatridis, 2010; Liu et al, 2011; Chua et al, 2012).

The hypotheses in this study are as follows:

H1: The implementation of IFRS reduces the scope of earnings management.

H2: The implementation of IFRS increase timely loss recognition.

H3: The implementation of IFRS increase the value relevance of accounting information.

The results of study showed that after the implementation of IFRS, there has been a decrease in the scope of earnings management and an increase in the value relevance, but there was no increase in timely loss recognition.

This study only conducted for the 2 observation periods, this could make the testing results not overly sensitive to describe the effect of IFRS implementation on the quality of financial reporting information in Indonesia. Moreover, the study was not conducted on a wider disclosure, as one of the characteristics of IFRS. Therefore, future researchs are expected to extend the observation period in order to examine the effect of IFRS implementation in greater sensitivetest and to minimize the influence of other factors that are not directly related in predicting the presence of earnings management.