

ABSTRACT

During the new order, the People's Representative Assembly (MPR) created grand design of the state policy called GBHN as the main guidelines in conducting the national development. Unfortunately, after the end of the new order in 1998 and by the amendment of 1945 Constitution, GBHN itself has been replaced by national long-term development plan (RPJPN) made by the president. It is subject to change as the president is always replaced by another one within four or ten years; it means the planning that has been written down in RPJPN may be terminated by the new president and changed into new ones. The aims of the research is to investigate how importance the GBHN in giving guidance to the government. This is a normative legal research with the descriptive qualitative method. The study reveals that the GBHN was very needed by the government because it had been the major guideline for actuating the planning into the real activities. Moreover it was designed by referring to Pancasila and 1945 Constitution. After the 4th amendment of the 1945 Constitution in 1998, the national development was no longer guided by the GBHN but by Law No. 25 of 2004 on National Development Planning System (SPPN). The research recommends that the government should revive the GBHN as it is mentioned clearly in the Preamble of the 1945 Constitution and its final purpose is to create justice and welfare of Indonesian people.

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