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## The Precautionary Principle as a Law Enforcement Instrument: Immigration Supervision of Foreign Workers at IMIP Morowali Airport to Maintain National Sovereignty

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**Abstract:** This study examines the implementation of the precautionary principle as a law enforcement instrument in immigration supervision of foreign workers at the Indonesia Morowali Industrial Park (IMIP) Airport in Morowali to safeguard national sovereignty. The rapid development of the Morowali industrial area has resulted in high mobility of foreign workers, especially from China, thus requiring a strict and professional immigration supervision system. This normative juridical research uses a legislative and conceptual approach to analyze the legal basis, implementation mechanisms, and effectiveness of the precautionary principle in the context of immigration supervision. The results show that the precautionary principle has a strong legal basis in Law No. 6 of 2011 concerning Immigration as amended by Law No. 63 of 2024 and is implemented through a comprehensive immigration and employment document verification mechanism, an early detection system for potential violations, and integrated coordination between relevant agencies. The implementation of this principle is effective in preventing immigration law violations, protecting the interests of local workers, and maintaining national sovereignty. However, significant challenges remain, including the high volume of foreign worker arrivals, IIMIPed human resources, the complexity of employment documentation, and technical constraints in information technology infrastructure. The study recommends increasing the number of immigration officers, developing an integrated information system, developing more specific standard operating procedures, and strengthening inter-agency coordination through the formation of an integrated task force to optimize the effectiveness of immigration oversight in protecting national sovereignty.

**Keywords:** Precautionary Principle, Immigration Supervision, State Sovereignty.

### INTRODUCTION

Indonesia, as an archipelagic nation with a vast territory, faces complex challenges in maintaining national sovereignty and security, particularly at its ports of entry. International airports serve as the primary gateways for international human

mobility, requiring strict oversight to ensure that everyone entering meets applicable legal requirements (Putu et al., 2021) Immigration control at the airport is not just an administrative procedure, but rather a national defense barrier to prevent the entry of threats that could disrupt national stability (Horo, 2025). The presence of foreign workers in Indonesia has increased significantly along with the influx of foreign investment, particularly in the industrial and mining sectors. The Indonesia Morowali Industrial Terminal Park (IMIP) Airport in Morowali has become a strategic entry point for foreign workers working in the Morowali industrial area, Central Sulawesi. This area is developing rapidly with the establishment of various nickel processing plants and derivative industries that employ thousands of foreign workers, primarily from China. This situation requires a strict and professional immigration control system to ensure their presence does not violate applicable laws (Handoyo et al., 2020).

The precautionary principle, in the context of state administrative law, is an important foundation for immigration officers in carrying out their supervisory duties. This principle requires officers to be vigilant, thorough, and anticipate any potential violations or threats that may arise from the presence of foreigners (Ulya et al., 2023). The application of the precautionary principle aims not only to prevent immigration law violations but also to protect broader national interests, including state sovereignty, security, and public welfare. In immigration law enforcement practices, the precautionary principle is realized through various oversight mechanisms, starting with the inspection of travel documents, visa and residence permit verification, and monitoring the activities of foreigners while in Indonesian territory (Gau, 2025) Law Number 63 of 2024 concerning the Third Amendment to Law Number 6 of 2011 concerning Immigration provides broad authority to immigration officers to carry out administrative immigration actions, including prevention and deterrence of foreigners suspected of carrying out actions that endanger public security and order (Monica & Prasetyo, 2025).

Oversight of foreign labor is complex, involving economic interests, diplomatic relations, and the protection of local workers. On the one hand, the presence of foreign workers is necessary to support the transfer of technology and expertise in certain industries. On the other hand, the uncontrolled influx of foreign workers can lead to various problems, ranging from work permit violations, unfair competition with local workers, to potential activities that threaten national sovereignty (Wulandari, 2023). IMIP Morowali Airport, a dedicated airport serving an industrial area, has unique characteristics compared to typical commercial airports. The high frequency of foreign workers arriving from diverse backgrounds and destinations demands a more intensive and structured monitoring system. Immigration officers at this airport face the challenge of ensuring that each foreign worker has complete documentation, a valid work permit, and is not involved in activities that violate Indonesian law (Nahdiah et al., 2025).

The phenomenon of immigration violations by foreign workers in various regions of Indonesia, such as visa abuse, working without proper permits, and overstaying, demonstrates the importance of strengthening immigration oversight. These cases indicate gaps in the oversight system that need to be addressed through consistent and comprehensive application of the precautionary principle (Research et al., 2024). Weak oversight not only leads to immigration law violations but can also open up opportunities for activities that threaten national sovereignty and interests. State sovereignty in the context of immigration encompasses the state's right to determine who may enter, reside, and work within its territory. This principle emphasizes that immigration oversight is a manifestation of state sovereignty that must be firmly safeguarded. The implementation of the precautionary principle in immigration

oversight at IMIP Morowali Airport is an important study to understand how this legal instrument is applied in immigration law enforcement practices to safeguard state sovereignty in the era of globalization and economic openness (Immigration et al., 2020).

Based on the background described, this study formulates the main problem regarding how the precautionary principle is implemented as a law enforcement instrument in immigration supervision of foreign workers at IMIP Morowali Airport. This question covers the mechanism for implementing the precautionary principle by immigration officers, starting from the document inspection stage, verifying the legality of their presence, to further supervisory actions for foreign workers entering through the airport. The next problem formulation is to identify the challenges and obstacles faced in implementing the precautionary principle at IMIP Morowali Airport, and to analyze the effectiveness of the principle's application in maintaining national sovereignty. This study will also examine the conformity between the supervision practices carried out and the provisions of applicable immigration laws and regulations, as well as their impact on preventing violations of the law and protecting national interests.

This study aims to analyze and describe in depth the implementation of the precautionary principle in immigration supervision of foreign workers at IMIP Morowali Airport as an effort to maintain national sovereignty. This objective includes understanding the operational mechanisms of supervision, the role of immigration officers in implementing the precautionary principle, and the relationship between the supervisory function and immigration law enforcement. Furthermore, this study also aims to identify factors influencing the effectiveness of the precautionary principle implementation, both supporting and inhibiting factors, and formulate recommendations for improving the immigration supervision system. The results of this study are expected to contribute to the development of more optimal immigration supervision policies and practices in protecting Indonesia's sovereignty and national interests.

Theoretically, this research contributes to the development of state administrative law studies, particularly regarding the application of the precautionary principle in immigration law enforcement. The results of the research will enrich the academic literature on the relationship between the precautionary principle and state sovereignty in the context of immigration supervision of foreign workers, as well as provide a new perspective in understanding the dynamics of law enforcement at the country's entry points. Practically, this research is useful for immigration agencies, especially the Immigration Office that manages IMIP Morowali Airport, as material for evaluating and improving the immigration supervision system. The resulting recommendations can be input for policymakers in formulating more effective supervision strategies, and for field immigration officers in increasing professionalism and vigilance in carrying out supervision duties to maintain state sovereignty.

## **Literature Review**

### **The Principle of Prudence in State Administrative Law**

The principle of prudence is a fundamental principle in state administrative law, requiring state officials or apparatus to act carefully, thoroughly, and thoughtfully in exercising their authority. This principle demands an anticipatory attitude toward all possible risks or negative impacts that may arise from any administrative decision or action. In the context of law enforcement, the principle of prudence functions as a preventative mechanism that prioritizes preventive measures over repressive actions after a violation occurs. The application of the principle of prudence in state administrative law relates not only to procedural aspects but also to the substance of

decision-making, which must be based on adequate information, comprehensive analysis, and careful consideration. This principle provides a foundation for public officials to verify, validate, and evaluate every request or condition they encounter before granting permission or taking certain actions. Over time, the principle of prudence has become a standard of professionalism and accountability in good governance (Rompas et al., 2019).

### **State Sovereignty from the Perspective of Immigration Law**

State sovereignty is a fundamental concept in international law that grants a state the exclusive right to regulate and control its territory, including determining who may enter, reside, and engage in activities within its jurisdiction. In the context of immigration, state sovereignty is manifested through the state's authority to establish entry requirements, grant or deny residence permits, and conduct surveillance and enforcement against foreigners. This sovereignty serves as the basis for the state's legitimacy to protect its national interests from threats posed by cross-border human mobility. The implementation of state sovereignty in immigration law must be carried out in a balance between national interests and human rights principles and international obligations. States have an obligation to safeguard the security and well-being of their citizens, but at the same time must also respect the rights of foreigners legally present in their territory. Immigration oversight is a vital instrument in maintaining state sovereignty by ensuring that every foreigner who enters has met legal requirements and does not pose a threat to national interests, public order, or state security (Pranitiaz et al., 2024).

### **Immigration Supervision as a Law Enforcement Function**

Immigration supervision is a series of activities carried out by immigration authorities to monitor, inspect, and supervise the presence and activities of foreigners within a country. This supervisory function includes examining travel and immigration documents, verifying the legality of presence, monitoring compliance with residence and work permit provisions, and taking action against violations of immigration law. Immigration supervision is not only carried out at entry points such as airports and seaports, but also includes ongoing regional supervision throughout a foreigner's stay in Indonesia. The effectiveness of immigration supervision depends heavily on the professionalism of officers, the availability of an integrated information system, and coordination between relevant agencies. Optimal supervision requires a combination of modern technological approaches and adequate human resource capacity. In the digital era, immigration supervision utilizes an immigration management information system that allows officers to conduct real-time data checks, identify prevention and deterrence lists, and monitor the movements of foreigners. Strict and structured supervision is key to preventing various forms of immigration violations that could threaten national sovereignty and interests (Emma, 2025).

### **Foreign Workers and Employment Regulations in Indonesia**

The presence of foreign workers in Indonesia is regulated through labor regulations that integrate work permits with immigration provisions. Foreign workers working in Indonesia are required to have a work permit issued by the Ministry of Manpower, as well as a visa and residence permit appropriate to their work objectives. These regulations aim to ensure that the presence of foreign workers benefits national development, particularly in terms of knowledge and technology transfer, without harming employment opportunities for local workers. Supervision of foreign workers

requires synergy between immigration authorities and labor agencies to ensure compliance with applicable regulations. Frequent violations include working in positions not in accordance with the work permit, working in locations other than those permitted, and employing foreign workers without valid permits. This situation requires a comprehensive oversight system, from the pre-arrival stage, through inspections at ports of entry, and monitoring the foreign workers' work in Indonesia to ensure there are no irregularities that could harm national interests (Sultan, et al., 2025).

### **Morowali Industrial Area and Immigration Dynamics**

The Morowali industrial area in Central Sulawesi has developed into one of Indonesia's largest nickel processing centers, with the presence of various multinational companies operating high-tech factories. This rapid development has attracted thousands of foreign workers, particularly from countries with specialized expertise in metallurgy and mineral processing. The presence of IMIP Airport as a dedicated entry point for this industrial area creates unique immigration dynamics, with a high volume of foreign worker arrivals and a mobility intensity that differs from that of typical commercial airports. The unique characteristics of the Morowali industrial area pose unique challenges for immigration control, given the complexity of permits, the diversity of job types, and the varying lengths of stay of foreign workers. Surveillance at IMIP Airport must be able to identify the legality of immigration and employment documents quickly yet thoroughly, given the high frequency of arrivals. Furthermore, surveillance must also consider the security aspects of the strategic industrial area, the potential for labor law violations, and the socio-economic impacts of the presence of a large number of foreign workers on the local communities surrounding the industrial area (Yurijaya, 2022).

### **Framework of thinking**



This research framework is systematically constructed, starting with Indonesia's sovereignty in the face of the presence of foreign workers, and then moving on to the

immigration oversight function at IMIP Morowali Airport as the main entry point. This oversight is implemented through the application of the precautionary principle as a law enforcement instrument, encompassing inspection, verification, and monitoring mechanisms for foreign workers.

The implementation of the precautionary principle results in effective oversight, influenced by various challenges and constraints in practice, ultimately leading to the primary goal of protecting national sovereignty. This framework illustrates the logical flow from the concept of sovereignty to the ultimate outcome of protecting national interests through immigration oversight that consistently and comprehensively applies the precautionary principle.

## **METHOD**

### **Types of research**

This study uses a normative juridical method to examine and analyze the precautionary principle as a law enforcement instrument in immigration supervision of foreign workers at IMIP Morowali Airport. The normative juridical method was chosen because this study focuses on the study of positive law, legal principles, legal norms, and laws and regulations related to immigration, employment, and state sovereignty. This approach allows researchers to analyze the implementation of the precautionary principle from the perspective of its compliance with the hierarchy of applicable laws and regulations.

Normative legal research in this context is conducted by examining primary legal materials in the form of immigration laws and regulations, their implementing regulations, and regulations related to employment and state sovereignty. Furthermore, the research also analyzes secondary legal materials such as legal literature, scientific journals, previous research results, and policy documents relevant to immigration oversight. This method allows for a comprehensive analysis of the legal basis, implementation, and effectiveness of the precautionary principle in maintaining state sovereignty through the immigration oversight function.

### **Research Approach**

This study uses a statutory approach that analyzes various laws and regulations related to immigration, employment, and state administration to understand the legal basis for the application of the precautionary principle in immigration supervision. This approach is carried out by examining Law Number 63 of 2024 concerning the Third Amendment to Law Number 6 of 2011 concerning Immigration and its implementing regulations, the Manpower Law, and technical regulations governing the supervision of foreigners and foreign workers. This statutory analysis aims to identify the legal basis, authority, and oversight mechanisms that must be implemented by immigration officers.

In addition to the legislative approach, this study also employs a conceptual approach that analyzes legal concepts such as the precautionary principle, state sovereignty, and administrative law enforcement in the immigration context. This conceptual approach allows researchers to understand the philosophical and theoretical meaning of the precautionary principle as a law enforcement instrument, as well as to analyze the relationship between the concept of state sovereignty and the immigration oversight function. The combination of these two approaches provides an in-depth analysis from both a normative legal and conceptual theoretical perspective.

### **Data source**

The data sources in this study are legal materials consisting of primary, secondary,

and tertiary legal materials. Primary legal materials include the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia, Law Number 63 of 2024 concerning Immigration, Government Regulation Number 40 of 2023 concerning Implementing Regulations of the Immigration Law, Regulation of the Minister of Law and Human Rights concerning procedures for monitoring foreigners, and other technical regulations governing immigration and foreign employment. These primary legal materials serve as the main basis for analyzing the implementation of the precautionary principle in immigration supervision at IMIP Morowali Airport.

The secondary legal materials used include law books, scientific journals, legal articles, previous research results, and academic publications discussing immigration law, the precautionary principle, immigration supervision, and state sovereignty. Tertiary legal materials, including legal dictionaries, encyclopedias, and other reference materials, were used to clarify the legal terms and concepts used in the research. All of these legal materials were collected through literature review and documentation to obtain comprehensive and accurate data to answer the research questions.

### **Data collection technique**

The data collection techniques in this research were conducted through library research and documentation studies. The literature study was conducted by reviewing, reading, and analyzing various legal literature, laws and regulations, textbooks, scientific journals, and academic publications relevant to the research topic. This process was carried out systematically by identifying, inventorying, and classifying legal materials based on their hierarchy and relevance to the research problem. The researcher also recorded and documented important quotations that would be used in the analysis.

A documentation study was conducted by collecting official documents such as laws and regulations, policy regulations, immigration reports, and other administrative documents related to immigration supervision at IMIP Morowali Airport. This technique enabled researchers to obtain authentic data regarding the implementation of the precautionary principle in immigration supervision practices. All collected data was then systematically organized to facilitate analysis and draw conclusions in accordance with the research objectives.

### **Data Analysis Techniques**

The data analysis technique in this study uses a qualitative analysis method with a descriptive-prescriptive approach. Descriptive analysis was conducted to describe and explain the implementation of the precautionary principle in immigration supervision of foreign workers at IMIP Morowali Airport based on applicable laws and regulations. The researcher analyzed the conformity between existing legal norms and the implemented supervision practices, identified the mechanism for implementing the precautionary principle, and evaluated its effectiveness in maintaining state sovereignty. This analysis was conducted through legal interpretation, legal construction, and legal systematization.

A prescriptive analysis was conducted to provide assessments and recommendations regarding the implementation of the precautionary principle in immigration supervision. Researchers identified deficiencies, weaknesses, and challenges in the application of the precautionary principle, then formulated recommendations for improvement based on relevant legal principles and theories. This analysis technique uses deductive reasoning, starting from general legal norms, to analyze a concrete case of immigration supervision at IMIP Morowali Airport. The

results of the analysis are presented systematically and logically to answer the research problem formulation and achieve the stated research objectives.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

### **Legal Basis for the Implementation of the Precautionary Principle in Immigration Supervision**

The precautionary principle in immigration supervision has a strong legal basis in the Indonesian legal system, starting from the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia which gives the state the authority to protect all the people and territory of Indonesia. Law Number 6 of 2011 concerning Immigration as amended by Law Number 63 of 2024 explicitly regulates the function of immigration supervision as an integral part of immigration law enforcement, which includes the authority to conduct immigration inspections, supervision, and administrative actions against foreigners. Articles 66 to 77 of the Immigration Law regulate immigration supervision in detail, including the authority of immigration officers to examine travel documents, residence permits, and the activities of foreigners in Indonesian territory (Rai, 2025). The implementation of the precautionary principle is also reinforced by various implementing regulations, including Government Regulation Number 31 of 2013 concerning the Implementing Regulations of the Immigration Law, which regulates the technical mechanisms of immigration supervision. The Regulation of the Minister of Law and Human Rights concerning procedures for the supervision of foreigners provides operational guidelines for immigration officers in carrying out their supervisory functions by applying the principles of caution, professionalism, and proportionality. This legal basis demonstrates that the precautionary principle is not merely a theoretical concept, but has been integrated into Indonesia's positive legal system as an important instrument in maintaining national sovereignty through strict and structured immigration supervision (Puspitasari & Purwanti, 2025).

### **Implementation Mechanism of the Precautionary Principle at IMIP Morowali Airport**

The implementation of the precautionary principle at IMIP Morowali Airport begins with the initial inspection of immigration documents for every arriving foreign worker. Immigration officers conduct a thorough verification of passports, visas, and stay permits to ensure compliance with the purpose of arrival and permitted duration. The inspection process includes checking the validity of travel documents, verifying through the immigration management information system to identify whether the individual is on the prevention or deterrence list, and confirming the correspondence between passport data and biometric data (Martadinata et al., 2021). Officers also conduct brief interviews to confirm the purpose of arrival, place of work, and planned duration of stay in Indonesia, as part of the implementation of the precautionary principle to prevent misuse of immigration permits. The next stage is verifying the legality of employment documents, where immigration officers ensure that each foreign worker has a valid work permit and that it aligns with the position and work location listed in the document. Coordination is carried out with employment agencies and sponsoring companies to confirm the validity of the work invitation letter and its compliance with the approved foreign worker utilization plan. Officers also record detailed arrival data in the immigration information system for further monitoring and supervision purposes. This mechanism reflects the implementation of a comprehensive precautionary principle, focusing not only on the administrative aspects of documents but also paying attention to the legal substance of the foreign worker's presence and

activities to prevent potential violations of immigration and employment laws (Diamond, 2025).

### **Prevention and Early Detection Function in Immigration Supervision**

The precautionary principle in immigration supervision at IMIP Morowali Airport serves as a preventive mechanism against the entry of foreign workers who do not meet legal requirements or have the potential to threaten national interests. This preventive function is realized through an early detection system that utilizes immigration information technology to identify indicators of violations from the initial inspection stage. Immigration officers are trained to recognize signs of document discrepancies, inconsistent information, or suspicious arrival patterns that could indicate an intent to commit a violation (Surveillance et al., 2025). An integrated information system allows officers to cross-check with national and international immigration databases, previous violation records, and information from relevant agencies to make informed and swift decisions. Early detection also includes identifying potential visa abuse, such as using a visitor visa for work, or a mismatch between the position on the work permit and the skills or educational background of the foreign worker. Immigration officers apply the precautionary principle by conducting a risk analysis based on the arrival profile, country of origin, sponsoring company, and history of compliance with immigration regulations. Foreign workers identified as high-risk will undergo more intensive screening, including additional verification with relevant agencies before being granted entry permits. This prevention and early detection function is a vital instrument in maintaining national sovereignty by ensuring that only foreign workers who meet legal requirements and do not pose a threat are permitted to enter Indonesia (Muharam et al., 2022).

### **Inter-Agency Coordination in Supervision of Foreign Workers**

The effectiveness of the precautionary principle in immigration oversight at IMIP Morowali Airport depends heavily on strong coordination between the various relevant agencies. The Directorate General of Immigration collaborates with the Ministry of Manpower to verify the validity of foreign workers' work permits, ensure the position listed on the work permit matches the company's actual needs, and confirm that the sponsoring company has fulfilled its reporting obligations on the use of foreign workers (Ante et al., 2025). Coordination is also carried out with the police and intelligence agencies to identify potential security threats, as well as with Customs and Excise to prevent smuggling or violations of trade regulations that may involve foreign workers. This coordination mechanism forms an integrated and complementary oversight system. Operational coordination in the field is carried out through regular meetings, information exchange, and a structured reporting system between agencies. Immigration officers at IMIP Morowali Airport have a direct line of communication with the local Manpower Office for rapid confirmation of the legality of questionable employment documents. Cooperation with the management of the Morowali industrial area is also crucial to ensure that incoming foreign worker data aligns with company needs and does not exceed the permitted quota. Challenges in inter-agency coordination include differences in information systems, limited time for verification at airport checkpoints, and the complexity of regulations involving multiple authorities. However, strengthening coordination through an integrated information system and clear standard operating procedures can increase the effectiveness of the precautionary principle in immigration oversight (Siahaya et al., 2025).

### **Challenges in Implementing the Precautionary Principle**

The implementation of the precautionary principle in immigration supervision at IMIP Morowali Airport faces various complex challenges that affect the effectiveness of immigration law enforcement. The first challenge is the high volume of foreign worker arrivals that must be processed in a relatively short time, creating pressure on immigration officers to conduct thorough checks without causing significant delays (Darmaputra et al., 2025). The limited number of immigration officers compared to the high frequency of flights results in a heavy workload, which can affect the thoroughness of the precautionary principle application. Furthermore, the complexity of employment documents involving various types of permits and special requirements requires in-depth understanding and rapid analytical skills from officers to identify potential violations. Technical challenges include limited information technology infrastructure that can hinder rapid access to immigration and employment databases for real-time verification. Language barriers also pose a challenge, given that the majority of foreign workers come from countries with different languages, requiring adequate communication skills from officers to conduct interviews and clarify matters. External factors such as diplomatic pressure and the economic interests of industrial areas sometimes create dilemmas for officers in consistently applying the precautionary principle, especially when dealing with foreign workers from large companies with significant influence. These challenges require a comprehensive approach through additional human resources, increased technological capacity, strengthened officer training, and affirmed institutional commitment to implementing the precautionary principle without compromising the rule of law (Raihan & Mas, 2025).

### **The Effectiveness of the Precautionary Principle in Maintaining State Sovereignty**

The implementation of the precautionary principle in immigration supervision at IMIP Morowali Airport has demonstrated effectiveness in preventing various forms of immigration law violations and protecting national sovereignty. Surveillance data indicates increased detection of document mismatches, improper use of visas, and attempts to enter with forged or expired documents. The implementation of this principle has also successfully prevented the entry of foreign workers without valid work permits or those working in positions other than those permitted, thereby protecting the interests of local workers and ensuring compliance with labor regulations (Pasundan et al., 2025). This effective preventive function directly contributes to the protection of national sovereignty by ensuring that only foreigners who meet legal requirements can enter and operate in Indonesia. The effectiveness of the precautionary principle is also evident in the increased awareness and compliance of sponsoring companies and foreign workers with immigration and employment regulations. Strict oversight encourages companies to be more thorough in preparing documents and ensuring the legality of the foreign workers they intend to bring in, creating a broad preventive effect. However, this effectiveness can still be enhanced through improvements to the immigration information system, strengthening the capacity of officers, and enhancing coordination with relevant agencies. Periodic evaluations of the implementation of the precautionary principle are necessary to identify gaps in the oversight system and formulate appropriate improvement strategies. Thus, the precautionary principle serves not only as a law enforcement instrument but also as a dynamic mechanism for protecting national sovereignty that is responsive to the development of contemporary immigration challenges (Atqiya et al., 2024).

## Legal Implications and Policy Recommendations

The implementation of the precautionary principle in immigration supervision has significant legal implications for the protection of state sovereignty and the enforcement of immigration law in Indonesia. Legally, the application of this principle strengthens the state's position in exercising its exclusive authority to regulate the entry and exit of foreigners, while also providing a legitimate basis for preventive administrative immigration actions. The precautionary principle also creates a standard of professionalism for immigration officers in carrying out their duties, where every decision must be based on a comprehensive risk analysis and not solely on subjective considerations (Maulani & Jaman, 2025). These implications necessitate clear technical regulations governing risk indicators, verification procedures, and decision-making mechanisms in immigration oversight to avoid potential abuse of authority or inconsistencies in law enforcement. Based on the analysis of implementation and the challenges faced, several policy recommendations need to be formulated to improve the effectiveness of the precautionary principle. First, the number of immigration officers at IMIP Morowali Airport should be increased proportionally to the volume of foreign worker arrivals, accompanied by an ongoing training program on inspection techniques, identification of fraudulent documents, and immigration risk analysis. Second, the development of an immigration information system integrated with the employment database and other related agencies should be prioritized to facilitate real-time verification and increase the speed and accuracy of inspections. Third, the development of more detailed and specific standard operating procedures for immigration oversight at airports specifically for industrial areas is needed to provide clear operational guidance for officers. Fourth, strengthening the inter-agency coordination mechanism through the establishment of an integrated foreign worker oversight task force can increase synergy and efficiency of oversight, so that the precautionary principle can be optimally implemented in safeguarding national sovereignty (Yudha et al., 2024).

## CONCLUSION

The implementation of the precautionary principle in immigration supervision of foreign workers at IMIP Morowali Airport has effectively functioned as a law enforcement instrument to safeguard national sovereignty. This principle is implemented through a comprehensive immigration and employment document verification mechanism, an early detection system for potential violations, and integrated inter-agency coordination. The strong legal basis in Law No. 6 of 2011 concerning Immigration, as amended by Law No. 63 of 2024, provides legitimacy for immigration officers to carry out thorough and structured preventive supervision. Despite facing challenges such as high arrival volumes, limited human resources, and the complexity of employment documents, the implementation of the precautionary principle has successfully prevented immigration law violations and protected national interests. Optimizing the effectiveness of supervision requires strengthening officer capacity, developing an integrated information system, and improving inter-agency coordination to ensure consistent national sovereignty is maintained.

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