

BAB V

KESIMPULAN

Meski sanksi telah diberikan kepada Rusia dimulai pada bulan Februari 2022 oleh Uni Eropa untuk meruntuhkan ekonomi Rusia, akan tetapi sanksi tidak memberikan dampak yang cukup signifikan, penurunan pertumbuhan ekonomi hanya terjadi beberapa bulan saja dan tidak memberikan kerusakan yang parah pada ekonomi Rusia. Bahkan, ekonomi Rusia mengalami pertumbuhan kembali pada bulan Mei 2023 setelah berhasil menghadapi guncangan ekonomi dan melakukan pemulihan. Penelitian ini telah berhasil menjawab pertanyaan penelitian “Apa upaya Rusia untuk menangani dampak sanksi ekonomi yang diberikan oleh Uni Eropa pada tahun 2022-2023?” dengan tujuan penelitian untuk mendeskripsikan bahwa Rusia memiliki penanganannya sendiri terhadap dampak sanksi.

Berdasarkan penelitian yang dilakukan, terdapat 7 temuan. Pada temuan pertama, Rusia menurunkan kuantitas produk impor yang masuk ke dalam negaranya. Terdapatnya sanksi larangan ekspor dan impor kepada Rusia dapat mengakibatkan kelangkaan barang yang berimplikasi pada naiknya harga. Hal tersebut berhasil ditangani oleh Rusia dengan meningkatkan kuantitas produksi barang di dalam negeri untuk dapat memenuhi kebutuhan nasionalnya. Kebijakan ini tidak hanya membantu Rusia untuk mencegah kelangkaan barang, akan tetapi menciptakan ketergantungan pada produk dalam negeri.

Dalam temuan kedua, untuk menangani dampak sanksi pelayaran komersial dan operator darat, Rusia mengalihkan rute perdagangannya menuju negara di luar

Uni Eropa. Sebelum sanksi diberikan, Rusia melakukan perdagangan melalui rute laut baltik dengan sebagian besar penerimanya adalah negara Uni Eropa. Akan tetapi, setelah terkena sanksi, Rusia harus mengubah rute perdagangannya dengan menciptakan rute perdagangan baru dengan Iran. Rute ini memungkinkan Rusia untuk melakukan perdagangan dengan negara di luar Uni Eropa dengan waktu yang lebih cepat dan jarak yang lebih dekat.

Dalam temuan ketiga, untuk menangani dampak sanksi larangan perdagangan terhadap produk energinya, Rusia meningkatkan harga produk energinya. Tindakan ini bertujuan untuk menutupi kerugian yang hilang dari perdagangan dengan Uni Eropa, melalui perdagangan dengan negara yang sangat bergantung pada energi Rusia. Akan tetapi, tindakan ini dibalas oleh Uni Eropa dengan menciptakan batas harga. Meski begitu, Rusia melakukan balasan kembali dengan larangan penjualan produk energi kepada negara yang menerapkan batas harga pembelian produk energi negara tersebut.

Dalam temuan keempat, untuk menangani sanksi larangan penggunaan SWIFT, Rusia beralih menggunakan alternatif yang diciptakan negaranya sendiri, yakni SPFS. Meskipun begitu, Rusia masih belum bisa memperoleh akses terhadap lebih banyak konsumen karena perbedaan anggota yang dimiliki SPFS dengan SWIFT. Hal ini mengakibatkan Rusia beralih menuju sistem pembayaran internasional milik Cina, yakni CIPS. Melalui CIPS Rusia diperbolehkan untuk melakukan transaksi dengan Cina menggunakan mata uang Yuan, yang sebelumnya menggunakan dolar Amerika.

Dalam temuan kelima, untuk menangani dampak sanksi dari hilangnya volume perdagangan dengan Uni Eropa, Rusia meningkatkan kerjasamanya dengan Cina. Meningkatnya kerjasama ini sekaligus disusul dengan menurunnya kuantitas perdagangan Cina dengan Uni Eropa. Meskipun terjadi kenaikan pada harga energi, Cina masih tidak ragu untuk membeli energi dari Rusia untuk membantu menutupi kerugiannya. Hal ini dapat menjadi kabar baik bagi Rusia karena tidak harus mengalami kerugian dalam jumlah besar karena sanksi Uni Eropa.

Dalam temuan keenam, untuk menangani kelangkaan produk-produk impor tertentu dengan permintaan yang tinggi, Rusia melegalkan kebijakan impor paralel. Kegiatan ini dapat membantu Rusia untuk dapat memperoleh barang tertentu, tanpa harus secara langsung membeli dari negara Uni Eropa. Meskipun dapat mengakibatkan kenaikan harga, akan tetapi pemenuhan kebutuhan dapat mencegah terjadinya kelangkaan. Kebijakan ini direalisasikan Rusia melalui pembelian barang kepada negara pihak ketiga, seperti Armenia, Kazakhstan dan Georgia.

Dalam temuan terakhir, diketahui bahwa para pemangku kepentingan Rusia akan selalu mendukung keputusan yang diambil oleh Putin. Sebagian besar keputusan yang dihasilkan oleh Rusia merupakan keputusan Putin yang tidak dapat diganggu gugat oleh para pemangku kepentingan Rusia. Hal ini disebabkan oleh ketidakmampuan para pemangku kepentingan untuk menentang Putin karena kekuasaan dan kekayaan yang dimiliki merupakan pemberian presiden Rusia tersebut. Maka dari itu, meskipun para pemangku kepentingan ditekan dengan

sanksi dari Uni Eropa, keputusan untuk mengakhiri perang tidak pernah diambil oleh Rusia, karena para pemangku kepentingan Rusia sudah pasti akan mendukung keputusan yang diambil oleh Putin.

Penelitian ini juga menemukan 2 capaian yang diperoleh Rusia melalui invasi yang terjadi. Pertama, dengan adanya sanksi larangan perdagangan, Rusia menjadi beralih untuk melakukan perdagangan dengan negara-negara di luar Uni Eropa seperti Cina, Iran, dan Turki. Hal ini mengakibatkan Rusia memiliki lebih banyak hubungan ekonomi dengan negara berbeda, dan dapat menghentikan ketergantungan perdagangan yang terbatas hanya pada negara anggota Uni Eropa saja. Selain itu, beralihnya kegiatan ekonomi menuju Cina mengakibatkan Rusia dapat berkontribusi untuk melemahkan nilai mata uang dolar Amerika dengan lebih sering menggunakan mata uang Yuan dari Cina.

Dari penjelasan yang diberikan sebelumnya, dapat disimpulkan bahwa melalui upayanya, Rusia berhasil dampak dari sanksi yang diberikan Uni Eropa atas respon terhadap invasi kepada ukraina. Dengan berhasil ditanganinya dampak sanksi, Rusia dapat terus melanjutkan invasi kepada Ukraina tanpa harus mengalami keruntuhan ekonomi. Penanganan ini dapat dilakukan karena kuatnya ketahanan ekonomi yang dimiliki oleh Rusia. Selain itu, komitmen negara sekutu untuk secara tidak langsung membantu, kajian melalui pengalaman yang dimiliki sebelumnya, dan pengaruh kekuasaan yang dimiliki putin, dapat mengakibatkan Rusia untuk tetap berpendirian dalam komitmennya menyerang Ukraina, sekaligus memulihkan ekonominya setelah terkena sanksi.

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