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Madam President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Algeria headed by H.E. Mr. Mourad Medelci, Minister for Foreign Affairs, for their comprehensive national report and continued engagement in the UPR process.

Indonesia welcomes some measures by the Government of Algeria to ensure an inclusive political reform process by enacting recent Organic Law on electoral system which provides monitoring by judges, representatives of political parties and independent observers; Law on political parties to strengthen democratic pluralism and Law on freedom of associations. We believe that the enactment of these laws will strengthen the democratic life in Algeria.

Indonesia also appreciates the adoption of the Five Year Development Plan (2010-2014) which provides a framework for ensuring the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights of the citizens by providing housing, promoting small and medium enterprises, developing infrastructure, creating jobs, and improving safe drinking water. In this regard, we would further appreciate if the Algerian Government can provide information on measures and steps as well as policies to address the issue of migration and promote job creation.

Madam President,

My delegation commends the Government of Algeria for its efforts in promoting the rights of women by ensuring access and participation of Algerian women in the field of civil, political, economic and socio-cultural life. Aware of the strategic role of women in decision making process, my delegation wishes to recommend that the Algerian Government to enhance its efforts to strengthen women's leadership and participation in politics and public service.

We also appreciate measures and initiatives to eliminate violence against children, namely the adoption of the National Action Plan for Children in 2008 and the continued implementation of the National Strategy (2005-2012) to eliminate violence against children.

Noting the gap between the policy and practice as experienced by many Governments, we therefore recommend the Government of Algeria to continue their endeavors and engagement with all stakeholders for an effective implementation of the programs for the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children.

To conclude, Madam President, Indonesia would like to offer its best wishes to the Government and people of Algeria in their future endeavours towards the promotion and protection of human rights at all levels.

Thank you.