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Madam President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Finland for their comprehensive national report and continued engagement in the UPR process.

Indonesia welcomes the adoption of the first National Action Plan of the Government of Finland on Fundamental and Human Rights 2012-2013, which includes projects to promote the implementation and monitoring of the fundamental and human rights situation in Finland. We also note that numerous stakeholders, including NGOs and civil society were fully involved in its formulation.

Indonesia also commends the Government of Finland for the establishment of the Human Rights Center. The Center begins its work this year, aiming at promoting fundamental and human rights, including through information, education, training, and research programmes.

Madam President,

My delegation welcomes various measures and initiatives in eliminating discrimination and preventing violence against women and children. These include the Equality First project which seeks to support national authorities in their work to promote equality and non discrimination; an interdepartmental programme to reduce violence against women for the period from 2010 to 2015, and the National Action Plan against Disciplinary Violence for Children for the period from 2010 to 2015. Indonesia therefore recommends the Government of Finland to continue their efforts in this regard.

We note that the Finnish legislation does not differentiate migrant workers and immigrants. However, we recommend the Government of Finland to expedite means and ways towards the ratification on the International Convention for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families as part of its international obligation in promoting and protecting the rights of migrant workers.

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

Thank you.