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Madam President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of India, headed by H.E. Mr. Goolam Vahanvati, for their national report.

We commend the Government of India for taking series of actions to implement recommendations from the previous UPR cycle. We also welcome the fact that the current report is a result of extensive and inclusive consultations involving all relevant national stakeholders.

Indonesia welcomes India's robust legislative and regulatory measures, including the enactment of "the National Green Tribunal Act" and "the Protection of Woman against Sexual Harassment Bill". My delegation also notes with appreciation the ongoing measures to ratify the Convention against Torture, in particular by introducing the "Prevention of Torture Bill" in 2010. Against this backdrop, Indonesia would like **to recommend the Government of India to accelerate its ratification process of the Convention.**

Madam President,

Indonesia is of the view that addressing the rights to education is very fundamental in the fulfillment of our common goals to achieve the Millennium Development Goals for primary education and literacy. In this regard, we note with appreciation the enactment of "the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act" of 2010 that makes it mandatory for every child between the ages of 6-14 to be provided free and compulsory education by the Government.

Acknowledging that the implementation of the Act is a shared responsibility of both the central and the state governments, **we recommend that both authorities enhance their coordination in an effective manner in order to guarantee the smooth implementation of the Act.** It is also imperative to ensure the provision of adequate infrastructures and teaching-learning facilities, particularly in remote areas.

Finally, Madam President, Indonesia shares the view that there is a the need to balance the diversity of India with the imperative of maintaining the fabric of civilization and progress, coupled with tolerance, respect, mutual understanding and recognition of the importance of human life and individual rights. In this regard, we therefore wish the people and government of India success in their future endeavours toward that objective.

Thank you.