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**Intervention by Bangladesh delegation on the UPR of Indonesia**

Thank you Mr. Vice-President.

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Indonesia led by H.E. Dr. R. M. Marty M. Natalegawa, Minister for Foreign Affairs. Bangladesh fully subscribes to the view that the promotion and protection of human rights is a continuous process. It is commendable that Indonesia is continuously improving human rights situation in a country of multi-religious, multi-ethnic setting with various geographical challenges. It has also been an inclusive process for Indonesia, which is demonstrated by the broad based consultation conducted during its preparation of the National report as well as in the follow-up of the recommendations accepted by Indonesia during its first Review.

We commend the actions taken by the government of Indonesia in the fields of health and education, and in promotion and protection of the rights of woman and child. We find the actions adopted by Indonesia in ensuring the freedom of religion appreciable. The existing Religious Harmony Forum both at the national and sub-national levels has been significant in this regard.

Mr. Vice-President, my delegation has noted with appreciation that Indonesia is well aware of the challenges and is ready to face those challenges with resolve. We remain ready to share our best practices with Indonesia and support their efforts in facing similar challenges. Thank you.