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Madame President,

My delegation welcomes H.E. the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia and his accompanying delegation and expresses appreciation for the clear presentation of Indonesia's national report for the 2nd UPR cycle.

My delegation appreciates the legislative and practical steps Indonesia takes to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights, while recognising the inherent challenges and required efforts to overcome them. We note the commitment to implement the recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the UPR.

We welcome the focus on human rights education and training and recommend the Indonesian government to further efforts in mainstreaming human rights education and training at all levels and in educational curriculae.

We appreciate the steps taken to consolidate the national human rights infrastructure and recommend the Indonesian government to foster partnerships between the government, national human rights institutions, and civil society.

My delegation also commends Indonesia's holistic approach in considering the feasibility of acceding to international human rights instruments. Due note is taken of the advanced process regarding the optional protocols to the convention on the rights of the child, and we recommend Indonesia to take steps to integrate in national legislation the provisions of both instruments, once ratified, and to strengthen relevant national implementation mechanisms.

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My delegation further takes note of steps taken to combat impunity and requests further elaboration on related efforts and impact on the ground. Further elaboration is also requested on means utilised to address the challenge of street children.

I thank you.