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**UPR of INDONESIA – INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE**

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Madam President,

India extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Indonesia led by Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Natalegawa and thanks them for their informative presentation. We appreciate the open approach that Indonesia has taken in its National report including the candid acknowledgement of persistent problems and challenges in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

2. We commend the achievements of Indonesia, one of the founding members of ASEAN, its remarkable transition to a vibrant democracy, impressive economic growth, declining rate of poverty and unemployment and advances in women's rights. Indonesia's commitment to democratic principles, in particular the freedom of expression has created a conducive environment for the growth of civil society and their active participation in public life.

3. We take positive note of Indonesia's endeavour in making justice accessible to all, including through the provision of free legal services and alternative dispute settlement mechanisms. In this regard, we would request the delegation to elaborate on the Joint Secretariats of law enforcement agencies established in 28 provinces, their powers, composition and function.

4. As a multi-ethnic, pluralistic and secular country with a civilization ethos of tolerance we understand the complexities of Indonesia's ethnic and religious diversities and the consequent policy challenges for sustainable development

and maintaining social harmony. We encourage Indonesia to continue its efforts in building multicultural understanding and tolerance.

Thank you, Madam President

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