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Human Rights Council, UPR Indonesia, 23 May 2012 Statement by New Zealand: Lucy Richardson, Second Secretary

Thank you, Madame President.

New Zealand welcomes the delegation of Indonesia, and thanks it for its thorough report and presentation.

New Zealand notes Indonesia's acknowledgement of the compelling challenges in improving its human rights situation and welcomes the progress made, including the recent ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We are encouraged by the establishment of the Unit for the Acceleration of Development in Papua and West Papua and by the intended change from a 'security approach' to a 'welfare and justice approach' for Papuans. Noting the importance of human rights in this regard, New Zealand recommends that Indonesia implement comprehensive human rights training, with regular reviews to ensure effectiveness, for all military and police personnel, including those working in Papua and West Papua Provinces.

Noting Indonesia's identification that religious freedom requires further efforts, New Zealand **recommends** Indonesia review existing laws and policies and repeal or amend where necessary to ensure their compatibility with the right to freedom of religion or belief, in line with Indonesia's Constitution and its international obligations.

In 2008 New Zealand recommended that torture be proscribed. Noting the explanation that the size of the penal code is causing delays, New Zealand **recommends** that Indonesia, as a matter of priority, adopt legislation to criminalise torture in line with article 1 of the Convention against Torture.

Could Indonesia elaborate further on plans, including possible timing and any remaining challenges, for the ratification of the Optional Protocol of the Convention against Torture and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court?