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**Statement made by Pakistan during the review of Indonesia
during the 13th session of the UPR Working Group, 23 May 2012, Geneva**

Thank you Madam President,

At the outset, we are pleased to be the first to comment on the UPR of a brotherly country with which we enjoy close friendly relations.

Pakistan welcomes the distinguished delegation of Indonesia to its UPR and congratulates for presenting a comprehensive and frank update on the efforts undertaken by the Government to improve the human rights situation on the ground.

We note with appreciation that the Government of Indonesia has taken a number of legislative and institutional measures to strengthen the human rights machinery in a follow-up to the first session of UPR.

Indonesia is also playing an important role in strengthening regional institutions in the field of human rights. In particular efforts to institute the newly established OIC's Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission are commendable. We recommend that Indonesia continue its constructive role and contribution in the promotion and protection of human rights in the region.

Madam President,

We are encouraged to note that Indonesia has significantly increased the education and health share in the national budget to meet corresponding MDGs on time. We are impressed to note that 20% of the national budget is allocated for the education sector. We consider this as the best investment for the future. The Government has also integrated human rights issues in the national education curricula at all levels of educations as well as in police and military training. This is a welcome step and we recommend Indonesia further promote human rights education and training at all educational levels.

Indonesia is a multi-religious and multi-lingual society and we appreciate the ongoing efforts of the Government to maintain and enhance religious harmony and tolerance.

In conclusion, Madam President, we wish Indonesia success in their endeavors for the promotion and protection of human rights.

I thank you.

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