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**Statement by Sweden in the
interactive dialogue on Indonesia**

*To be delivered by Counsellor Anna Jakenberg Brinck
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Mr. Vice President,

Sweden welcomes Minister Natalegawa and his delegation to Geneva and thank you for presenting a comprehensive report here today.

Sweden welcomes the new ambitious National Human Rights Action Plan as well as Indonesia's signing of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Religious tolerance is a hallmark of Indonesian democracy. The last years have however shown signs of a decline in this regard. Some incidents suggest that persons belonging to religious minorities may face discrimination and persecution for expressing and practicing their religions or beliefs.

Although praising Indonesia's commitment to pluralism and religious tolerance, Sweden would like to recommend the Government of Indonesia to revise any national legislation that may be in conflict with international obligations, and to strengthen efforts to ensure that any assaults against persons belonging to religious minorities are investigated, and that those responsible for such assaults are brought to justice.

According to credible reports from NGOs and human rights defenders ill-treatment of persons deprived of their liberty occur in the country. In order to combat any occurrence of ill-treatment Sweden would like to recommend Indonesia to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture as well as the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and to incorporate their provisions into domestic law.

Thank you Mr. Vice President