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Madam President,

My delegation warmly welcomes H.E. Mustapha Ramid and the Moroccan delegation to the UPR Working Group and congratulates them on the completion and presentation of their second comprehensive and inclusive national report.

My delegation commends the continued efforts exerted by the Moroccan Government to reform and strengthen the institutional framework for the promotion and protection of human rights in the country including through the establishment of the Inter Ministerial Unit on Human Rights, the Office of the Ombudsman and particularly the establishment of the National Human Rights Council, in accordance with the Paris Principle.

My delegation further commends measures taken by Morocco to accede and ratify various international human rights instruments and welcomes the adoption of the National Action Plan for Democracy and Human Rights as well as its commitments to implement them accordingly.

Madam President,

As a country of origin, transit and destination, Indonesia attaches great importance to the issue of migration and applauds steps taken by Morocco at the national, regional and international level to ensure the protection of migrant rights. Indonesia appreciates that in dealing with the increasing migration flows, the Moroccan government have adopted policies that safeguards the rights and dignity of migrants. **We therefore recommend the Moroccan Government to continue progress in the implementation of those policies.**

Indonesia also notes with appreciation that progress has been achieved in the promotion and protection of women's rights and that measures have been taken in order to promote gender equality and to curb gender violence. Indonesia is pleased to learn that Morocco's strategy of making equality a formal requirement in the Ministry of Education was cited as an example of good practice by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2010.

In this regard, **we wish to further recommend the Moroccan Government to step up its efforts to ensure the protection of women against violence**, in line with the 2012 study by the Moroccan Office of the High Commissioner for Planning.

In closing, Madame President, my delegation is supportive of Morocco's desire to fully realize its commitment to promoting and protecting human rights in the country and wishes the Moroccan government and its people, Indonesia's best wishes on their future endeavors to achieve such objectives.

Thank you.