

Statement by H.E. Mr. Dian Triansyah Djani,
Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the UN, WTO
and other International Organizations in Geneva
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Madam President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of the Philippines headed by H.E. Leila de Lima, Secretary of Justice, for their comprehensive national report and continued engagement in the UPR process.

Indonesia commends the Philippine Government for their clear and robust human rights agenda in the country, reflected in the 16-point agenda known as the Social Contract and further in the second Philippine Human Rights Plan 2012-2017.

The Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016 that exhibits a strong human rights mainstreaming and approach in the national economic and social development agenda also deserves our appreciation. The establishment of the Human Development and Poverty Reduction Cluster, focusing on the Filipino poor and marginalized segments of society is instrumental, not only in improving their overall quality of life but also in achieving the MDGs.

Madam President,

My delegation welcomes various measures and initiatives in addressing cases or reports of past incidents of extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearance and torture in the country. These include the EPJUST Programme, the Joint Coordinating Centers on Private Armies, and the National Monitoring Mechanism. Indonesia therefore **recommends that the Philippine authorities continue their efforts in this regard.**

As a trans-border issue, trafficking in persons requires both national efforts and international cooperation. The Philippine Inter-Agency Council against Trafficking has been successful, in bringing perpetrators into justice, providing assistance to victims and witnesses, and raising awareness on this malicious act. My delegation wishes **to recommend that the Philippines step up its collaborative efforts at the regional and international level, including in the ASEAN-Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crimes (SOMTC) Working Group on Trafficking in Persons.**

To conclude, Madam President, as an ASEAN fellow member, Indonesia would like to offer its best wishes to the Philippine government and people in their future endeavours towards the promotion and protection of human rights at all levels, including in the context of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights. Thank you.