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Mr President,

Let me begin by welcoming the delegation of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and thank them for their continued engagement with the UPR process and the comprehensive national report presented here today.

Mr President,

My delegation welcomes the comprehensive efforts taken by the government of the Bahamas in promoting and protecting all human rights. In particular, Indonesia welcomes and further encourages the Government of the Bahamas to intensify efforts in completing the 2012-2017 Strategic Plan for the Management, Prevention and Elimination of Family Violence.

To strengthen the national monitoring system, Indonesia would like to **recommend the Government of the Bahamas to consider establishing an independent National Human Rights Institution, in full compliance with the Paris Principles.**

We also note on the continued efforts in managing the issue of migration and share the interest and concern of the Bahamas as the transit country. Indonesia is of the view that one possible way to strengthen the national efforts is by strengthening its legal framework. In this regard, Indonesia **recommends the Government of the Bahamas to consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.** Taking into account its trans-national nature of migration, the Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime provides lesson-learned and best practices in dealing with this issue.

Mr President,

To conclude, Indonesia would like to convey its best wishes to the Government of the Bahamas and its people in their continued endeavours in protecting and promoting human rights in the country.

Thank you.