

Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of France for their report and continued engagement in the UPR process.

Indonesia welcomes the legislative and administrative measures by France in ensuring the better protection of all people in the country. In particular, the constitutional reform of 2008 and the National Strategy for Roma Inclusion.

Indonesia also welcomes the establishment of the Ministry of Women's Rights on May 2012. In this regard, Indonesia encourages the Government of France to formulate a comprehensive Action Plan to ensure the mainstreaming of gender-sensitivity and to eliminate any form of discrimination between men and women in all spheres of life.

Mr. President,

With regard to the National Action Plan against Racism and Anti-Semitism and the concern of the Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination in 2010 over the prevalence of discriminatory political speeches, Indonesia **recommends that the Government of France provide consistent clear response to reject any discriminatory political speech in order to promote understanding, tolerance and friendship between nations and racial, religious and ethnic groups.**

Furthermore, Indonesia would like to recall the concern of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 2008 over the widespread discrimination against persons belonging to racial, ethnic and national minorities despite measures to combat discrimination in the field of employment. In this regard, Indonesia **recommends that the Government of France ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.**

To conclude, Mr. President, Indonesia would like to offer its best wishes to the Government and people of France in their future endeavours towards the promotion and protection of human rights at all levels.

Thank you.