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Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Mali for their national report and continued engagement in the UPR process, despite the current emergency situation in the country.

Indonesia welcomes the progress made with regard to efforts to protect and promote human rights, including the ratification of International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the establishment of the National Commission on Human Rights. In this regard, we encourage Mali to step up its efforts to upgrade the status of the National Commission in accordance with Paris Principles.

We commend various measures and initiatives to advance the rights of women and children, including through the adoption of the Code of Persons and the Family; the National Gender Policy of Mali and its Action Plan, as well as the intention to elaborate a national policy for the promotion and protection of the child. In this regard, we encourage Mali to further implement such measures.

Mr. President,

Despite the increase on the number of community health centers, we share the concern on the lack of access to safe drinking water and sanitation which increases the risk of cholera and puts children at risk of life-threatening disease as reported by UNOCHA and UNICEF. In this regard, we **recommend Mali to redouble its efforts in designing a comprehensive health programme, including through providing access to safe drinking water and sanitation.**

Indonesia is fully aware of the consequences brought by the present conflict on the efforts to protect and promote human rights in Mali. Consequently, Indonesia **recommends that the Government of Mali strives to minimize human rights violation in its attempt to restore law and order in the country.**

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

Thank you.