

Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of the Kingdom of Tonga for their presentation of their national report and engagement in the UPR process.

Indonesia is encouraged by the continued constitutional and political reforms undertaken the Kingdom of Tonga on its path to a stronger democracy marked by a number of progress, including the general election held in 2010. My delegation believes that Tonga's willingness to attain assistance from other countries to support the ongoing reform is a sign of commitment necessary for the improvement of the reform process. will ensure for the betterment of its people.

Indonesia welcomes the various measures taken by the Kingdom to eradicate violence by police and security forces, particularly through the enactment of Tonga Police Act of 2010 and the new Prisons Act of 2010. However, learning from the unfortunate incidence in September 2012, Indonesia encourages the Government of Tonga to intensify its effort to promote human rights education for the police, security and penal personnel.

Mr. President,

Indonesia is heartened by the commitment of the people and the Kingdom of Tonga on ensuring gender equality as shown by the various actions implemented in this regard. My delegation is also enlightened by the explanation on the national process for the consideration of the ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. Indonesia therefore **recommends that the Kingdom of Tonga accelerate its efforts to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.**

My delegation welcomes the efforts made by the Kingdom of Tonga to strengthen human rights education, training its public officials, and enhancing the participation of its civil society in the promotion and protection of human rights. In this connection, Indonesia **recommends that the Kingdom of Tonga continue its progress in the field of human rights education through increasing further international and regional cooperation.**

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

Thank you.