

Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of United Arab Emirates and thanks them for the presentation of their second cycle UPR report. We note the impressive progress and remaining challenges in the Government's efforts in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

Mr. President,

Indonesia commends the UAE for its continued progress in the development context. According to the 2011 Human Development Report, the United Arab Emirates was ranked first in the Arab world and thirtieth out of 187 countries, having moved up two places with regard to its previous ranking.

Equally impressive that the UAE is ranked thirty-eighth on the indicator of women's empowerment and was ranked first in the Arab world in the gender equality index published by the World Economic Forum in 2011. Indonesia welcomes various measures to empower women in the areas of education, health, the economy, the social sector, the environment, public information and political participation. My delegation, in this regard **recommends that the UAE accelerate its efforts in women's empowerment and gender equality, including through the updated National Strategy for the Advancement of Women in the United Arab United Arab Emirates, 2013–2017.**

Indonesia appreciates numerous steps taken in the protection of migrant workers in the UAE, including through the strengthening of its partnership with labour-sending countries. The United Arab Emirates has signed 10 memorandums of understanding with Asian labour-sending countries, including my country and 8 bilateral cooperation agreements with Arab labour-sending countries with a view to regulate and protect the rights of migrant workers from these countries. Indonesia therefore **recommends that the UAE continue these positive developments and consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.**

In conclusion Mr. President, my delegation encourages the UAE to continue its exemplary role of the promotion and protection of human rights in the region.

I thank you.