

Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan led by H.E. Mr. Khalaf Khalafov, Deputy-Minister of Foreign Affairs, to the second cycle UPR. We thank them for the report and commend their open, transparent and inclusive manner in formulating the report.

Mr. President,

We welcome the Government of Azerbaijan's cooperation with the UN human rights mechanism, including in accepting all visit requests by the UN Special Procedures Mandate Holders from 2008 to 2012. We encourage Azerbaijan to continue efforts in this regard.

Indonesia commends efforts made by the Government of Azerbaijan in furthering measures to promote and protect the rights of women, to combat domestic violence and to guarantee gender equality. In particular, we appreciate the adoption of the law on combating domestic violence, the establishment of centres to address domestic violence victims, as well as the law to guarantee gender equality. In this regard, **we recommend that the Government of Azerbaijan comprehensively implement the laws and consider formulating national action plan to further ensure women's rights, including on combating violence against women.**

We appreciate various measures to effectively implement the National Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons. However we remain concern on the plight of the undocumented and irregular migrant workers. In this regard, **we recommend that the Government of Azerbaijan ensure the non-discriminatory approach, particularly in employment, education and housing as well as access to justice of the undocumented and irregular migrants.**

To conclude, Mr. President, my delegation wishes the People and Government of Azerbaijan all the best on their efforts to better promote and protect human rights in the country.

I thank you.