

Statement by the Indonesian Delegation  
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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Burkina Faso led by H.E. Ms. Hulia Prudence Somda-Nigna, Minister for Human Rights and Civil Promotion to the second cycle UPR. We thank them for the report and their efforts in ensuring inclusive as well as broad participation of the stakeholders in formulating the report.

Mr. President,

Indonesia commends efforts made by the Government of Burkina Faso to further promote and protect human rights, particularly through the development of various normative and institutional framework as well as public policies.

We welcome particularly the ratification of the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol and the promulgation of acts, such as act on the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, on establishment of a national human rights commission, on setting quotas for legislative and municipal elections, and on combating trafficking in persons and related practices.

We also commend efforts to promote the rights of women, in particular the establishment of institutions, such as the National Council to Combat Female Circumcision and the National Council for the Advancement of Women as well as the adoption of national gender policy and Special Job Creation Programme for Young People and Women 2012–2014 and the establishment of safe houses for women victims of social exclusion.

Mr. President,

In order to further promote and protect the human rights of its people, we recommend that the Government of Burkina Faso:

- 1. continue efforts to establish a national human rights institution in accordance with Paris Principles**
- 2. consider formulating legislation on eliminating violence against women, including domestic violence**

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

I thank you.