

Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegations of Cameroon led by H.E. Mr. Pierre Moukoko Mbonjo, Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the second cycle UPR. We thank them for the informative presentation and updates contained in the report, including the implementation of the accepted recommendations emanating from the first UPR report.

Mr. President,

Indonesia commends measures taken by the Government of Cameroon on further efforts of the human rights' promotion and protection in a comprehensive manner. In particular, we welcome the adoption of the National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, the national gender policy, five-year action plan for the fights against FGM, and the promulgation of law on the protection and welfare persons with disabilities. We also welcome the establishment of the inter-ministerial committee for monitoring implementation of recommendations and decisions of the international and regional human rights mechanisms. We are the view that those measures will provide further impetus for continued progress in the country.

We are also heartened by the measures taken to ensure the fulfilment of the right to education, including improvement on education offer, setting up a new university, and professionalization of education. It is our firm belief that education, including human rights education, serves as the foundation for the culture of tolerance and non-discrimination as well as positive attitude towards the respect for human rights. In this regard, **we recommend that the Government of Cameroon deepen and widen its efforts, including through providing stronger legal framework by considering the ratification of the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education.**

My delegation welcomes the continued actions of the Government to protect children's right, including awareness-raising campaigns, training, renovation of public facilities for child supervision, and reintegration program for street children. It is pertinent that those programmes are based on strong legal frameworks. Therefore, **we recommend that the Government of Cameroon strengthen the legal foundations, including through ratification relevant international human rights instruments such as the Optional Protocol to the CRC on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.**

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

I thank you.