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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Canada for their national report and continued engagement in the UPR process.

We appreciate various measures to strengthen the Government's relationship with the Aboriginal people, in particular its reconciliation efforts; resolving and implementing land claims; and ensuring the enjoyment of same opportunity for employment and participation in Canadian economy. However, we share the concern on the high rates of incarceration of and violence to Aboriginal people, in particular women and girls as well as the alleged inadequate response of authorities.

Mr. President,

With the view to furthering measures to guarantee the human rights of its population, we recommend that the Government of Canada:

1. ratify the ICRMW to further promote and protect migrants, in particular undocumented and irregular migrants.

2. strengthen the coordination of federal and provincial mechanisms in order to remove disparities in the implementation of anti-racism legislation, policies, and programmes; and ensure the enjoyment on an equal footing within all provinces and territories of the rights set forth in ICERD, including by considering to adopt new federal laws.

3. continue to ensure the human rights of the Aboriginal people, including by realizing their economic, social and cultural rights; ensuring access to justice; investigating an alarming pattern of violence afflicting indigenous women throughout the country and allegations of an inadequate response by authorities, as well as addressing the root causes of violence against indigenous women in order to end all forms of violence against Aboriginal women and girls.

To conclude, Mr. President, Indonesia would like to offer its best wishes to the Government and People of Canada in their future endeavours towards the promotion and protection of human rights at all levels.

Thank you.