

Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
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Mr. President,

My delegation thanks the delegations of Cape Verde led by H.E. ... for the presentation of their second cycle UPR report. We appreciate comprehensive update of progress and challenges in the implementation of the accepted recommendations, emanating from the first UPR report in 2008. The eight clusters of general area updates are indeed useful to better comprehend the whole process in the country.

Mr. President,

We note with appreciation that the preparation of report was carried out in an inclusive manner, involving relevant government authorities and civil societies. The convening of awareness-raising workshops is also notable.

My delegation welcomes the responsibilities of the National Human Rights Committee that include promoting education on human rights, international humanitarian law and citizenship, helping to set and implement public policy in these areas, advising the Government, investigating human rights violations and monitoring implementation of the national human and civil rights plan. In this regard, **Indonesia recommends that Cape Verde accelerate the drafting of the new statute of the Committee, in accordance with the Paris Principles.**

Indonesia commends Cape Verde for their continued commitment and priority on social sector and social policies, despite the country's limited financial resources. This reflects a vision of development that is people-centred and seeks to ensure respect for the human rights of the entire population, and particularly the most vulnerable groups.

Notwithstanding the country's resource constraints, Cape Verde's various positive measures, targeting vulnerable group such as women and children, people with disability, people with HIV/AIDS, and older persons are quite impressive. The provision of a minimum non-contributory pension of US\$ 50, as a supplement to other social policies for 23,000 people (about 4.7 per cent of the population), including older persons and vulnerable or disabled children and adults, is indeed commendable. In this regard, **my delegation recommends the Government of Cape Verde to strengthen its current and planned measures to ensure respect for the rights of those vulnerable groups.**

In conclusion Mr. President, my delegation fervently hopes that the People and Government of Cape Verde continue their efforts to progress and address the remaining human rights challenges for the betterment of their population.

I thank you.