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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegations of the Russian Federation to the second cycle of the UPR. We thank them for the informative updates on Russia's efforts to further promote and protect human rights, including the implementation of the accepted recommendations emanating from the first UPR report.

Mr. President,

My delegation commends the measures taken by Russia, including the enactment of the national strategy for action in children's interests for the period of 2012-2017; the efforts to uphold a child's right to live and be brought up within a family; and the criminalization of the use of minor in the production of pornographic material or articles. In this regard, **we recommend that Russia continue these positive measures including through developing activities of the Ombudsman on the Rights of the Child.**

Indonesia also appreciates the continuous efforts of the Russian government to fulfil the economic, social and cultural rights of all people in Russia. It is well noted that the minimum wage has been raised and the indexation rate for social benefits exceeded the rate of inflation. As a result, the poverty has shown a declining trend. **We therefore recommend that the Russian Government continue and enhance its efforts to ensure that all people, particularly those vulnerable groups are benefited from these measures.**

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

I thank you.