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Mr. President,

My delegation thanks the delegations of Uzbekistan led by H.E. ... for the presentation of their second cycle UPR report.

Mr. President,

My delegation takes note with appreciation that extensive and intensive consultations, which involved wide-range stakeholders, including the parliament, civil society and media, have taken place when preparing this report.

My delegation commends the efforts made to further human rights' promotion and protection in Uzbekistan, including the adoption of seven acts to ensure rule of law and to extend the scope of habeas corpus; reformation of education system which includes 12-year education programme and considerable allocation of budget to support it; and reformation of juvenile justice system to include specific trainings for law enforcement officials and implementation of the principle of restorative justice.

We also welcome the efforts to integrate international norms into national legislations by way of ratification. It is noted that between 2008-2012, Uzbekistan has ratified 10 international agreements relating to human rights. In this regard, **my delegation recommends that Uzbekistan continue this effort, including by completing the ratification process of the Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities.**

Indonesia further appreciates Uzbekistan on their efforts to strengthen the institutional framework of human rights' promotion and protection. These include the operationalization of the reconciliation body to implement the principles of restorative justice, based on local wisdom for crimes that do not constitute public danger. The decision on the approval of a procedure for the interdepartmental working group with specific mandate to monitor the consideration and the settlement of complaints by citizens is also commendable. In this connection, **we recommend Uzbekistan to continue this effort including by fully operationalizing the working group and considering the establishment of an independent National Human Rights Institution, in full conformity with the Paris Principles.**

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

I thank you.