

Statement by the Indonesian Delegation  
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Mr. President,

Indonesia would like to thank the Government of Belize for their national report and for their continued participation in the UPR process. We also thank them for providing a frank and open assessment of the human rights situation in the country.

My delegation is pleased to note from the report, that despite challenges faced, Belize continues its efforts to advance the human rights of its people. My delegation welcomes the progress achieved towards mainstreaming human rights into the national framework, including the inclusion of respect towards human rights within Belize's long term development framework, Horizon 2030.

Mr President,

We would like to commend Belize's commitment to the global goal of "Getting to Zero" and the progressive and inclusive approach it has adopted in tackling HIV, including by providing universal access to antiretroviral treatment to people living with HIV and in collaboration with Global Fund providing psycho-social support. We welcome **Belize efforts to reduce stigma and discrimination through education and awareness raising campaigns should also be commended and recommends that Belize continue its efforts in this regard.**

My delegation welcomes Belize's efforts and commitment towards the protection of women's rights, including its commitment to combatting all forms of violence against women and girls. We note with appreciation the development of a comprehensive National Gender-Based Violence Action Plan (NGBVAP). **We recommend Belize to ensure the implementation of this action plan and put a halt on gender-based violence.**

My delegation takes note that whilst considerations continues to be given to the establishment of a national human rights institutions, financial constraints causes it to it remains unfeasible for the time being. We hope however that such consideration remains on the agenda of the government.

We wish Belize all the best in its future endeavor in furtherance of the promotion and protection of human rights.

I thank you.