

Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of the Central African Republic and appreciates them for their continued engagement with the UPR mechanism, despite the enormous challenges in fulfilling its human rights obligations.

Indonesia shares the urgent need for the international community to render its valuable support to the Central African Republic. As a post-conflict country, the CAR faces considerable challenges and constraints in its efforts to effectively promote and protect human rights in the country.

Mr. President,

My delegation notes various on-going policies and measures by the Government to address multi-dimensional constraints in the country, particularly in restoring security, consolidating peace and preventing conflict as basic prerequisites for sustained progress in the promotion and protection of human rights of each and every population of the CAR.

We welcome various national state mechanisms dealing with human rights issues in the CAR and appreciate the reactivation of the National Human Rights Commission. In this regard, my delegation wishes to seek more information on this pertinent issue and **recommends that the CAR speed up its efforts to ensure the operationalization of the Commission in accordance with the Paris Principles.**

Indonesia appreciates gradual progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action on Education for All (2003–2015) with particular attention to the specific needs of girls and women. Taking into account the strategic role of education in the overall national development program, **Indonesia recommends that the Government of the CAR enhance its efforts to implement the Plan.**

To conclude, Mr. President, Indonesia extends our best wishes to the People and Government of the CAR in their endeavours to the progressive promotion and protection of human rights of each and every population in the country.

I thank you.