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Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, headed by H.E. Mr. and thank them for the presentation of their UPR report as well as their sustained engagement in the UPR process.

Indonesia commends Jordan for their strong determination for peace and solid commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. In particular, we welcome the statement of his Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al Hussein who considered the "Arab Spring" momentum as an opportunity to move forward with the reform process, which in turn resulted in a number of positive changes related to the key human rights reform.

Mr. President,

We welcome all measures taken by the Government in order to follow up on the Human Rights Council previous recommendations. In particular, the withdrawal of its reservation to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. We consider this particular measure as a positive measure in the area of enhancing legislation that promotes women's rights.

With regard to the political participation of women, we acknowledged that a national coalition to support women's political participation, led by the Jordanian National Commission for Women, established a strategy for the period 2012-2017. **We would like to recommend in this regard that the Government continue its ongoing efforts in promoting and enhancing women's political participation, including, through the implementation of this strategy.**

We appreciate measures taken by the Government in the area of protection of foreign workers' rights, such as creating a requirement for the employers to open bank accounts for domestic workers as well as formulating certain procedure to ensure that the domestic workers has received all the benefits they entitled. **In this regard, we recommend the Government to continue its efforts with a view to ensure the protection and promotion of rights of foreigner working in Jordan.**

To conclude, Mr. President, my delegation would like to offer its best wishes to the Government and People of Jordan, in their future endeavours towards the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

I thank you.