

Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
 17th Session of the Working Group on Universal Periodic Review
 Consideration of the UPR Report of Malta
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Vice
 Mr. President,

Mdm. Helens Zalki

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Malta, headed by H.E.and thanks them for the presentation of their second cycle UPR report.

Indonesia commends Malta for its firm commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. We welcome the appointment of first-ever Minister responsible for civil liberty.

Vice
 Mr. President,

My delegation notes with appreciation the initiative to formulate a draft national children policy which will close the gap between policy and practice in this field. **We, thus recommend Malta to move forward and finalise the draft policy.**

Furthermore, while Malta has various independent institutions and mechanism to monitor the implementation of human rights policy and situation, we also note that a national human rights institution is yet to be established. Therefore, we duly suggest that Malta establish such an institution according to Paris Principles, or assign an institution with such mandate.

Vice
 Mr. President,

While commending the efforts of Malta in managing the issue of migration, including illegal migrants, we note that there are rooms for improvement in both legal frameworks as well as in practice. In this regard, **we are of the view that the International Convention of the Protection of all Migrant Workers and members of their Families provides a solid ground for protection of the migrants. Therefore, we recommend Malta to be a pioneer country in ratifying the Convention.**

In conclusion Mr. President, my delegation wishes the People and Government of Malta all the best in their efforts to further promote and protect human rights in the country.

I thank you.