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Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
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Mr. President,



My delegation welcomes the delegation of Monaco headed by H.E. Mr. Jose Badila, Minister of Foreign Affairs and External Relations of Monaco, and thanks them for their 2nd round UPR report.

My delegation welcomes the commitment of the government of Monaco in ensuring the promotion and protection of the human rights of its peoples and the steps the government have taken in the follow up to recommendations put forward in its first round of UPR, as clearly articulated in the report.

Mr. President,

My delegation notes with appreciation Monaco's efforts to strengthen its policies to protect children, women and help persons with disabilities. We welcome Monaco's ratification of the Convention on the Protection of Persons with Disabilities and we note that a bill on the protection, autonomy and promotion of the right and freedoms of persons with disabilities has been submitted to the National Council. **We recommend Monaco continue its efforts in this regard.**

My delegation welcomes the establishment of the Office of Ministers for Appeal and Mediation, tasked with providing mediation between the authorities and citizens. We are mindful that the independence, impartiality and neutrality of the office is guaranteed by the principle of administrative supervision. **However my delegation would like to recommend Monaco to consider establishing an independent national human right institution in conformity with the Paris Principles.**

Mr. President,

Before ending, my delegation would like to extend its appreciation to Monaco, that despite uncertain times, Monaco has remained unwavering in its commitments towards international cooperation, focusing on issues such as maternal and child health, the fight against pandemics and neglected diseases, education, and gender equality. Such commitment sets a good standard for the international community in maintaining its focus towards the advancement of the said issues.

My delegation wishes the best to Monaco in its future endeavors in the promotion and protection of human rights.

I thank you.