

Statement by the Indonesian Delegation  
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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, headed by H.E. Mr. Bandar bin Mohammed Al-Aiban and thanks them for the presentation of their second cycle UPR report, highlighting comprehensive update on human rights progress and challenges since the first UPR report in 2009.

Indonesia appreciates Saudi Arabia for its enhanced cooperation with the international human rights mechanisms, including through the visit by the High Commissioner and the recent conclusion of an MoU on the deployment of human rights advisers to build the Kingdom's capacities in the field of international human rights law.

Mr. President,

My delegation appreciates numerous positive measures by the Kingdom in dealing with the protection of migrant workers, including the adoption of the Regulation to govern the relationship between employers and domestic workers. While the Regulation clearly spells out the rights and obligations of both parties in the relationship, **Indonesia recommends that the Kingdom intensify the ongoing awareness-raising measures with the aim of protecting and promoting the rights of persons in this category.**

Indonesia takes note with appreciation various significant steps in the area women's public and political participation, [particularly the adoption of the Royal Decree No. A/44 and No. A/45 of 12 January 2013 that enables women to acquire full membership of the Council and occupy a minimum of 20 per cent of the seats, as well as to stand for and be elected to membership of municipal councils as from the next session in 2014.] **My delegation therefore recommends that follow-up measures be properly carried out to guarantee meaningful progress in this pertinent issue.**

In conclusion Mr. President, my delegation wishes the People and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia all the best in their efforts to progress and to address the remaining human rights challenges in the country.

I thank you.