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Mr. President.

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

Indonesia appreciates Afghanistan for its tireless efforts to further human rights' promotion and protection in the country. In this regard, we appreciate steps in taking human rights' values and principles firmly rooted in the government system, including, through the establishment of human rights support unit in Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defence and National Directorate of Security, as well as the formulation and implementation of the Afghanistan Development Strategy and National Priority Programs. Indonesia, therefore, would like to recommend that Afghanistan to continue and deepen this effort, including through human rights training to state's officials.

Indonesia also commends Afghanistan's efforts to strengthen its national legal and administrative frameworks by enacting and reviewing about 73 laws, 34 regulations and 27 strategies in order to be in line with human rights principles. We, therefore, would like to recommend that Afghanistan to complete these exercises by fully implementing of those frameworks, in particular the 2009 law on the elimination of violence against women and the inclusion of restorative justice principles in the 2004 Juvenile Code.

In conclusion Mr. President, my delegation wishes the People and Government of Afghanistan all the best in their efforts to progress and to overcome all human rights challenges in the country.

I thank you.