

Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of the Union of the Comoros led by H.E. Mr. Abdou Oussené, Minister of Justice for Human Rights. We thank them for the informative updates on efforts to further promote and protect human rights in their country.

Indonesia takes note of Comoros strong adherence to the universal values of human dignity, tolerance and freedom as well as its determination to incorporate such values into its domestic legal policies.

We note with appreciation the steps taken to strengthen the normative and institutional framework, including the establishment of the National Human Rights Policy and the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedom. We welcome the efforts made to ensure the rights of the child, in particular efforts to combat child labour through various raising awareness programs.

Mr. President,

Notwithstanding the many positive achievements, Indonesia believes that there is always room for improvement. Thus, it would like to kindly recommend the government of Comoros:

1. **To continue to strengthen the legal framework for the promotion and protection of human rights, including through the ratification of ICCPR and ICESCR which are key instruments for the promotion and protection of a number of other fundamental rights, as well as the ICRMW.**
2. **To continue its efforts in advancing rights of education, including in ensuring access and permanence of education, especially for girls, women, and children with disabilities.**

In conclusion Mr. President, my delegation would like to express its continuing support to the Government and People of Comoros for its determined efforts to better promote and protect human rights in the country.

I thank you.