

Statement by the Indonesian Delegation  
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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Dominican Republic headed by H.E. Ms. Alejandro Liriano de la Cruz and thanks them for the presentation of their second cycle UPR report.

Indonesia commends the hard work in ensuring the principles and values of human rights are respected in the country. In particular, we take note with appreciation the enactment of Act No. 1-12 on the National Development Strategy in 2012, which provides focuses on human rights issues such as education, children, women, and social development.

We appreciate the work in consolidating human rights principles in the law and institutions in the country, in particular the comprehensive review of Act No. 42-00 of 30 June 2000 on disability, the establishment of the Human Rights Unit under the Attorney General's Office, the appointment of Ombudsman and the setting up of the Constitutional Court.

We further appreciate the efforts to fulfil women's rights, including through the National Gender Equity Plan, National Strategic Plan on Gender Mainstreaming I Health Sector 2012-2017, Strategic Plan on Teenage Pregnancy Prevention 2011-2016, and Ministry of Labour Strategic Gender Plan 2009-2013.

Mr. President,

We would like to further commend the work on the field of right to education, including the allocation of 4 % of GDP to the annual budget of the Ministry of Education. In this regard, **we would like to recommend Dominican Republic to continue this effort; including providing a high quality of education system that is inclusive, universal and free.**

**Furthermore, we would also like to recommend to continue efforts to foster unity in a diverse society, including to migrants, through considering the ratification of ICRMW.**

In conclusion Mr. President, my delegation wishes the People and Government of Dominican Republic all the best in their efforts to address the remaining human rights challenges in the country.

I thank you.