

Statement by Deputy Permanent Representative of Indonesia

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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Eritrea headed by H.E. Mr. Tesfamichael Gerahtu and thanks them for the presentation of their second cycle UPR report.

Indonesia appreciates Eritrea's efforts to promote and protect human rights, in particular the ECOSOC rights, such as the 2010 Water Proclamation, 2012 Proclamation to establish the Eritrean Crops and Livestock Corporation, the 2013 Proclamation to privatise State Owned Enterprises and 2012 Proclamations to enhance access to justice.

We are also fully aware of the challenges faced by Eritrea in promoting peace, progressing its development efforts as well as promoting and protecting human rights. In this regard, we would like to offer the following recommendations:

- 1. To strengthen its institutional framework, including by establishing an NHRI according to the Paris Principles.**
- 2. To continue efforts in strengthening democratic institutions, including through capacity building in the state legislative, executive as well as judiciary system.**

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

I thank you.