

Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
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Mr. President,

Let me begin by welcoming the delegation of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia led by and thank them for their continued engagement with the UPR process and its comprehensive national report.

Indonesia welcomes the legislative and administrative measures by Macedonia in ensuring the better protection of all people in the country. We note with interest the focus placed on the reform of the justice system and steps taken to ensure independence and efficiency for the judiciary.

We welcome the efforts of Macedonia to attain an ICC accreditation for its Ombudsman and encourage the government to continue its efforts to strengthen the mandate of the Ombudsman as an NHRI and ensure its compliance with the Paris Principles.

Mr. President,

Indonesia welcomes the many steps taken to ensure non-discrimination among all groups of the society, including Roma Communities and would like to kindly **recommend Macedonia to continue its efforts in this regard, including through public awareness raising campaigns.**

My delegation also notes of the encouraging efforts of the government to promote and respect for cultural diversity. Indonesia believes that the maintenance of identity should not be in conflict with promoting cultural diversity. In this regard, education is key to promote the multiculturalism. Indonesia would like to **recommend the Government of Macedonia to continue its efforts in ensuring that education system will benefit all groups in the society regardless their backgrounds.**

In conclusion, Indonesia would like to convey its best wishes to the Government of Macedonia and its people in their continued endeavors in protecting and promoting human rights in the country.

I thank you.