

Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
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Mr. President,

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

Indonesia commends New Zealand for its staunch support and long-standing commitment in promoting and protecting human rights in the country. In particular, we highly appreciate the formulation and implementation of the New Zealand Disability Strategy which aims for an inclusive society where persons with disabilities can fully participate.

We also appreciate of the efforts to further consolidate human rights values and principles in the constitutional, legal as well as administrative frameworks of the country, including the process in advancing the consideration of constitutional issues, and preparation of the 2nd National Action Plan on Human Rights by its Human Rights Commission.

Mr. President,

My delegation also believes that the promotion and protection of human rights in New Zealand can be further enhanced. In this regard, my delegation would like to put forward the following recommendations:

- 1. To continue efforts in strengthening its national framework to ensure that the principles of inclusivity and non-discrimination are incorporated fully, including through, *inter alia*, the ratification of the ICRMW and the possibility of the inclusion of the ECOSOC rights in the national human rights norms.**
- 2. To further strengthen its efforts in ensuring the protection of children's rights, including by fully implementing the 2013 Vulnerable Children Bill and by considering implementing the restorative justice principles to all children.**

In conclusion Mr. President, my delegation wishes the People and Government of New Zealand all the best in their efforts to progress and to address the remaining human rights challenges in the country, including in ensuring human rights impacts on the post Canterbury Earthquakes.

I thank you.