

Statement by the Delegation of Indonesia
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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Portugal for their comprehensive national report and continued engagement in the UPR process.

We welcome the number of comprehensive human rights policies that have been approved during period under review, in particular the adoption of the National Plans against Domestic/Gender-Based Violence, the National Plans against Trafficking in Human Being, as well as the National Strategy for Disability. It clearly set a good example to the international community with regard to the internal continued and ongoing process on the promotion and protection of human rights.

Mr. President,

We take note with appreciation that Portugal continues to take certain concrete steps in conjunction with the human rights education and training as well as awareness-raising with a view to combating racism and discrimination and promoting the integration of migrants and marginalized. In particular, we welcome the leading role of Portugal in the European Union's "Next Door Family" project, where local and migrant families visit each other in a regular basis, and the Council of Europe's "No Hate Speech Movement" campaign.

We learn from the report that the Government has adopted the National Strategy for the Integration of Roma Communities that comprises more various measures in the areas of education, health, housing, employment and a cross-cutting dimension. In this regard, **we recommend the Government to continue its efforts in implementing those measures with a view to further promote and protect the rights of persons belonging to minorities and counter the discrimination and social exclusion face by Roma communities.**

While taking note measures and programmes carried out by Portugal to advance the promotion and protection of the rights of immigrants in general, **we recommends Portugal to consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.**

Mr. President,

To conclude, Indonesia would like to offer its best wishes to the Government and people of Portugal in their future endeavours towards the promotion and protection of human rights at all levels. Thank you.