Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

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Mr. President,

Indonesia would like to thank Bosnia and Herzegovina for its consistent engagement and cooperation with the Human Rights Council and UPR process, and thank their delegation led by H.E. Mr. Miladin Dragicevic, Deputy Minister for Human Rights and Refugees, for providing a thorough report which outlines both the achievements and the existing challenges facing the country.

Indonesia appreciate the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina's commitment to its human rights obligations through its adhesion to all 10 core international instruments; its good relations with the human rights mechanisms; and its standing invitation to the special procedures to visit the country.

My delegation believes that the existence of a national action plan as recommended in the Vienna Declaration and Program of Action provides an important stimulus towards improving the promotion and protection of human rights on the ground. We therefore recommend that the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina develop and implement a national action plan for human rights in order to framework a systematic approach to the promotion and protection of human rights.

Mr. President,

Indonesia also commends the positive efforts made by Bosnia and Herzegovina to combat discrimination, including policies put forward to stop segregation in schools and create a multi-ethnic school system, thereby instilling and cultivating a sense of tolerance from an early age.

However, my delegation also notes that challenges remains, among others in the form of public manifestation of hate speech and intolerance, and recommend the government to redouble its efforts to combat such practices.

To end, Mr. President, my delegation encourages Bosnia and Herzegovina to remain steadfast in the pursuit of the promotion and protection of human rights and wishes them success in their future endeavors.

I thank you.