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Mr. President,

My Delegation would like to welcome the Delegation of Fiji headed by H.E. Mr. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Attorney General and Minister of Justice of Fiji, and thank them for their national report and continued engagement in the UPR process.

Indonesia commends the Government of Fiji for the extensive and inclusive national reporting process, involving various national stakeholders. We also welcome the facts that valuable technical support was provided by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Mr. President,

Indonesia welcomes the result of the 2014 Election conducted in a peaceful and conducive atmosphere that allows people of Fiji to exercise their right to vote freely. We understand that there are many challenges faced by the newly established Government in many areas, including those related to the program for the promotion and protection of human rights.

We recall that the Government of Fiji has set a timeframe of 10 years to ratify all core human rights conventions. **In this regard, we recommend the Government of Fiji to speed up the process of ratification of the UN Convention against Torture (UNCAT) as one of the important steps in its commitment to the observance of human rights.**

Indonesia applauds efforts taken by the Government in relation to combat discrimination against women in all sectors of society, in particular by launching the "Fiji National Gender Policy" to promote gender equality, social justice and sustainable development. **In this regard, we recommend Government of Fiji to redouble its efforts in implementing such policy through a set of clear and measurable strategies.**

In conclusion, Mr. President, Indonesia fully shares the view that promotion and observance of human rights is a never-ending task. It merits and receives constant attention within the national sphere, with a view to improving the human rights situation. We therefore wish the people and Government of Fiji every success in their endeavours toward such objectives.

I thank you.