



Statement by H.E. Mr. Edi Yusup
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Mr. President,

Indonesia would like to welcome and thank the delegation of Madagascar headed by H.E. Ms. Noeline Ramanantenasoa, Minister of Justice, for the presentation of its comprehensive second round UPR report.

As a country that has also undergone a transitional process in the past, Indonesia is mindful of the challenges faced by the Government of Madagascar. In this regard, we join others in congratulating Madagascar in the carrying out of peaceful and democratic elections in 2013, and wish them well in their efforts towards genuine reconciliation, deepening of democratic governance and economic recovery.

Mr. President,

Indonesia appreciates the various efforts undertaken by Madagascar in the promotion and protection of human rights of its citizens. The establishment of an Independent National Human Rights Commission, inline with rules under the Paris Principles, through Act 2014-007 is an important step in this regard.

Indonesia notes that Madagascar has ratified and is signatory to a number of international human rights instruments. We welcome in this regard the recent ratification of the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Family and **recommend that Madagascar take appropriate measures to ensure that obligations under the ICRMW are incorporated into domestic laws.**

My delegation also takes note with appreciation the numerous steps taken in the efforts to combat trafficking of women and children, as stated in the report, including the reform of Act on Trafficking as well as the training of officials, social workers and community development workers. **We recommend Madagascar to continue its efforts in this regard, including the establishment of a national plan of action to combat trafficking.**

To conclude, Mr. President, my delegation encourages Madagascar 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.