Statement by the Delegation of Indonesia the 21st Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review Consideration of the National Report of Guinea-Bissau Geneva, 23 January 2015

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to welcome the delegation of Guinea-Bissau and thank them for the report. In particular, we take note the fact that the report is a result of collaborative efforts by all relevant governmental institutions.

Mr. President,

We understand that there are many challenges faced by the Government, in particular in this transitional period following the internal political development in 2012. However, it is our hope that the Government will spare no efforts in continuing its measures to promote and protect human rights in Guinea-Bissau.

Against this backdrop, we welcome the fact that the statutes of the National Commission of Human Rights are currently reviewed. In this regard, we recommend Guinea-Bissau to speed up its efforts in reviewing these statutes with a view to make the Commission fully complies with the Paris Principles.

We learnt from the report that the Government are still facing various challenges connected to the health sector, including the high rate of maternal and child mortality caused by malaria diseases, acute respiratory infection and pneumonia. In this regard, we recommend the Government to continue its efforts to reduce this mortality rate, in particular by taking preventive measures, conducting vaccination campaigns, as well as formulating a comprehensive plans and strategy in health sectors.

Mr. President.

In conclusion Indonesia wishes the People and Government of Guinea-Bissau all the best in their ongoing and future endeavors in the promotion and protection of human rights in their country.

I thank you.