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**Statement by the Delegation of Indonesia
At the 21st Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group
Consideration of the National Report of Lesotho
Geneva, 21 January 2015**

Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Lesotho, led by H.E. Mr. Haae Phoolofo, Minister of Law, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs, and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

Indonesia appreciates the commitments and efforts of the Government of Lesotho in advancing the promotion and protection of human rights since the first cycle of UPR despite many challenges and constraints remain.

We note with satisfaction, among others, that the Government of Lesotho is on track on achieving the Millennium Development Goals on universal primary education and promoting gender equality and empowerment of women. This achievement will ensure the fulfillment of the rights to education and the equal rights of women in civil and political as well as economic, social and cultural rights in Lesotho.

Mr. President,

We learnt from the report that Lesotho has introduced various national initiatives aimed at reducing poverty. Indonesia appreciates the development of a draft National Policy on Social Development and hopes that this national policy will be approved and implemented immediately to address the rights of vulnerable groups (children, elderly, and disabled) with an economic development perspective. In this connection, Indonesia would like to **recommend the Government of Lesotho to continue its efforts to reduce poverty, especially in fulfilling the rights of vulnerable groups.**

We also learnt from the report that despite continued efforts by the Government of Lesotho, corruption remains one of the prevalent factors in hindering developments. As evidenced by Indonesia's own experience, the Government of Indonesia's strong stance against corruption has resulted to the strengthening of principles of good governance which subsequently leads to sustainable economic growth. In this regard, Indonesia wishes to **recommend the Government of Lesotho to redouble its efforts to combat practices of corruption in Lesotho.**

Mr. President,

To conclude, Indonesia would like to offer its best wishes to the Government and people of Lesotho in their future endeavours towards the promotion and protection of all human rights for all in the country.

I thank you.