

Statement by the Delegation of Indonesia 21st Session of the Working Group on Universal Periodic Review Consideration of the UPR Report of Spain Geneva, 21 January 2015

Mr. President,

My delegation thanks the delegation of Spain, led by H.E. Mr. Ignacio Ybanez, Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs of Spain, for the presentation of the national report.

We note with appreciation that, despite economic hardship, the commitment and efforts of the government of Spain to respect and protect human rights in the country are still strong.

We also note positively the establishment of a hate crime and discrimination department in each of the provincial prosecutor's office as well as a comprehensive strategy against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Forms of Intolerance. We encourage Spain to continue strengthening these efforts in law and practice so as to avoid misperception of the practice of ethnic and religious profiling. We also appreciate Spain's role in promoting interfaith and intercultural dialogue through the UN Alliance of Civilizations.

Mr. President,

We note that Spain had a national Human Rights Plan, which has been assessed in 2012. In this regard, we would like to recommend Spain to continue this good practice by formulating a comprehensive, national human rights plan of action or strategy.

We note the various efforts to further promote Child Protection, including children in conflict with the law. In this regard, we recommend Spain to consider adopting the principle of restorative justice, with its alternative sentencing, in the juvenile justice system.

Mr. President,

Efforts to further protect the rights of migrants in Spain are appreciated. We believe that further efforts can be done, including strengthening legal framework. In this regard, we would like to re-iterate our recommendation in first cycle of UPR that Spain continue with its efforts to safeguard the rights of migrants, including by considering ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICMW).

Mr. President,

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

Thank you.