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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF INDONESIA 22ND SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW WORKING GROUP CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL REPORT OF JAMAICA GENEVA, 13 MAY 2015

Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the Delegation of Jamaica led by...... and thank them for the presentation of their national report at the UPR second cycle.

Indonesia notes with appreciation the Government of Jamaica's efforts to further promote and protect human rights in the country. In particular, we commend their endeavours in finalizing a National Policy for Gender Equality (NPGE) in 2011, establishing the Independent Commission of Investigations (INDECOM) in 2010, and developing National Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons 2012-2015.

Mr. President,

My delegation takes note that the Government of Jamaica has made significant progress in addressing many of the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur on Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment from his visit to Jamaica in 2010. In this regard, we recommend the Government of Jamaica to continue its efforts in strengthening its national legal frameworks including by taking concrete steps toward the accession of the UN Convention against Torture (UNCAT).

We are of the view that the National Human Rights Institution is playing a crucial role in promoting and monitoring the effective implementation of international human rights standards at the national level. In this regard, we welcome the decision of Jamaica to actively pursue the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution. We therefore recommend the Government of Jamaica to redouble its efforts to establish the National Human Rights Institution, in line with the Paris Principles.

Mr. President,

My delegation wishes the People and Government of Jamaica all the best in their efforts to address the remaining human rights challenges in the country.

I thank you.