

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF INDONESIA
23RD SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW
CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL REPORT OF
THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
GENEVA, 2 NOVEMBER 2015**

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of the Federated States of Micronesia, for the presentation of their national report and continued engagement in the UPR process.

Indonesia commends the Government of Micronesia for their progress since the 1st UPR cycle, in particular on the signing of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the enactment of the Trafficking in Persons Act, and the approval of the Nation Wide Integrated Disaster Risk Management and Climate Policy.

Indonesia also welcomes the steps taken by the Government of Micronesia in protecting and promoting the rights of women and ensuring gender equality through the submission of its CEDAW country report in June 2015. In addition, we also note of the measures taken in addressing violence against women and the increased representation of women in leadership and decision making positions, at the local and national level. And therefore, support the development of a National Gender Policy.

Mr. President,

We acknowledge the challenges and constraints faced by the Government of Micronesia in advancing development and human rights due to its dispersed geographical layout, lack of human resources and infrastructure, as well as being affected by climate change and disaster risks. However, my delegation is of the view that the ratification of core international human rights instruments will further strengthen the human rights framework in Micronesia. In this regard, **Indonesia recommends the Government of Micronesia to redouble its efforts for the ratification process of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.**

Indonesia also takes note of the cross-sectorial cooperation among government agencies and organizations in actively addressing human rights issues, such as the Gender Development and Human Rights Office Desk. **We recommend Micronesia to strengthen its efforts in establishing a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.**

Mr. President,

To conclude, Indonesia would like to offer its best wishes to the Government and people of Micronesia in their future endeavors towards the promotion of human rights at all levels.

Thank you.