

**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, ~~led~~
~~by~~, 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. ~~In this regard~~, ^{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.