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 RWANDA GENEVA, 4 NOVEMBER 2015

Mr. President,

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

Indonesia welcomes the progress taken by the Government of Rwanda since their first cycle, including the implementation of the country's Vision 2020 and Economic Development Poverty Reduction Strategy II (EDPRIS II).

We take note with appreciation the commitment taken by the Government of Rwanda to further promote and protect the fundamental rights of its people's by amending existing national laws on labour, land, access to information, civil society, and the rights of the child. In this regard, Indonesia recommends the Government of Rwanda to consider establishing a National Human Rights Action Plan.

In addition, Indonesia views that access to information is pertinent for the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression. We acknowledge the establishment of a regulatory media policy and therefore, we recommend Rwanda to strengthen its efforts in implementing this law to ensure access to information and the freedom of opinion and expression, including through capacity-building of relevant parties.

Mr. President,

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

Thank you.