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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF INDONESIA**

**23RD SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE UPR REPORT OF SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS**

**GENEVA, 11 NOVEMBER 2015**

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to welcome the Delegation of Saint Kitts and Nevis and thank them for their remarks elaborating their efforts in promoting and protecting human rights in their country. In particular, we appreciate their continued engagement in the UPR process despite many challenges that they have faced, in particular financial challenges connected to the world financial crisis.

Mr. President,

Indonesia takes note that the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis is currently focusing its attention in improving the overall quality of life of the people through the strengthening of the delivery of social programs and projects. We support various Government’s policies aimed directly to address the issue of poverty reduction that will have a significant impact to the fulfillment of the most basic human rights of any individuals.

At the same time, we are of the view that all countries should continue to regularly review its national human rights policies with a view to establish a strong national human rights mechanism in line with spirit contained in major international human rights treaties and conventions. **In this regard, we recommend Saint Kitts and Nevis to consider ratifying major human rights instruments, in particular the ICCPR and ICESCR, with a view to strengthen its commitment in promoting and protecting human rights of its citizen.**

Mr. President,

Indonesia is of the view that addressing the rights to education is very fundamental in the fulfillment of human rights, in particular economic, social and cultural rights. In this regard, we noted that the Government has adopted the White Paper on Education and Policy as a blueprint for the development of the Education sector for the period of 2009-2019. **We therefore recommend the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis to *intensify* its efforts to *improve* access to education for all, including by allocating adequate resources.**

To conclude, Indonesia would like to convey its best wishes to the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis and its people in their future endeavours in protecting and promoting human rights.

I thank you.