

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF INDONESIA
25th SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW
CONSIDERATION OF THE UPR REPORT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA
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Mr. President,

My delegation thanks the delegation of Papua New Guinea for their report and continued engagement with UPR process.

We take note of some developments, in policy and practice, on the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. These include inter alia:

- Enactment of Juvenile Justice Act (2014) and Lakautim Pikinini Act (2015)
- Formulation of National Disability Plan (2015 – 2025),
- Establishment of the Independent Commission against Corruption.
- Launching of National Small and Medium Enterprises Policy.
- Various human rights trainings for key agencies, such as law enforcement, corrections, and district and village courts officials.

We also note that in 2015, the Government endorsed the National Action Plan against Sorcery and Witchcraft-related Violence (SNAP). If possible, we would like to hear more details of this Plan.

Mr. President,

In the spirit of partnership and cooperation, we would like to **recommend Papua New Guinea the following:**

- 1. To continue strengthen its legal framework through expediting the ratification of the UN Convention against Torture (CAT). In this regard, Indonesia together with the core group of the Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI) stands ready to support Papua New Guinea in this ratification process.**
- 2. To continue efforts to establish an independent National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI) in accordance with the Paris Principles.**
- 3. To continue efforts to strengthen protection mechanisms, including considering the establishment of victim and witness protection agency.**
- 4. To continue efforts to address cross border issues, including by strengthening the work of Indonesia – PNG Joint Border Committee, based on mutual respect.**

As a neighboring country, Indonesia stands ready to continue its constructive cooperation and engagement as well as share its experiences and capacity building programmes with PNG.

Indonesia wishes Papua New Guinea all the best in its future endeavors towards the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

Thank you.