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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF INDONESIA
25th SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW
CONSIDERATION OF THE UPR REPORT OF SAMOA
GENEVA, 3 MAY 2016**

Mr. President,

Indonesia would like to express its sincere appreciation to the Delegation of Samoa, led by H.E..... for its comprehensive national report and constructive engagement during the UPR process.

Indonesia appreciates efforts of the Government of Samoa to promote and protect human rights in the country especially on legal reforms and social reforms as recommended during the first cycle of UPR. These efforts also in line with its sustainable development goals and include the establishment of national strategy on health, community development and gender issues.

Mr. President,

Indonesia welcomes the establishment of Samoa National Human Rights Institution in 2013. We take note that the current National Human Rights Institution was established during the existing Office of the Ombudsman and encourages that a strengthened and independent National Human Rights Institution could be further promoted. In this regard, Indonesia **recommends the Government of Samoa to continue to support the work of National Human Rights Institution in line with the Paris Principles, and in collaboration with civil society and other relevant stakeholders, to raise awareness on human rights and conduct more human rights activities in Samoa.**

Indonesia also welcomes the consideration by the Government of Samoa to sign and ratify several human rights convention. However, from the national report, the intention to consider signing and ratifying the Convention against Torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or Punishment (CAT) has not been reflected. In this regard, Indonesia would also like to **recommend the Government of Samoa to consider signing and ratifying the CAT.** Indonesia also **recommend the Government of Samoa to consider the accession of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families to strengthen further its national legal framework.**

Mr. President,

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

Thank you.