

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF INDONESIA
25th SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW
CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL REPORT OF SURINAME
GENEVA, 2 MAY 2016**

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to extend its appreciation to the Delegation of Suriname for the presentation of their national report and constructive engagement in the UPR process.

Indonesia notes with appreciation the progress made since the first UPR cycle, especially on the accession to the Optional Protocol of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, establishment of Roadmap in Combating Trafficking 2014-2018, development of Gender Work Plan, and amendments to the Penal Code to increase the protection of children. Indonesia also commends the efforts by the Government of Suriname in establishing the National Human Rights Institution.

Mr. President,

Indonesia takes note with appreciation that the Government of Suriname has extended the compulsory education and the elimination of primary and secondary school fees. In ensuring the rights of education for all people in Suriname, we therefore, **recommend the Government of Suriname to further improve access to all levels of education, including in the rural interior.**

While welcoming the prohibition of corporal punishments of children in the penal system, Indonesia also **recommends that the Government of Suriname to strengthen the national legal framework to combat torture by considering the accession of the Convention against Torture.**

In addition, we also **recommend the Government of Suriname to consider the accession of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their families.**

Mr. President,

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

Thank you.