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Mr. President,

Denmark warmly welcomes Indonesia’s delegation and thanks it for its presentation today.

Denmark is pleased to note that Indonesia has taken steps to improve gender equality at the national level.

Indonesia’s ambitious decentralisation program that delegates legislative authority to the district and municipal levels has unfortunately coincided with an increase in the number of local laws and regulations that discriminates against and restricts access to basic rights for women and minorities.

*Denmark* ***recommends*** *that Indonesia amends all local laws and regulations that discriminate against women and marginalized groups.*

Indonesia is an important voice on pluralism, religious tolerance and interfaith dialogue. However, discriminatory laws and regulations remain in place and incidents related to places of worship continue to occur. Law No. 1/1965 on defamation of religion as well as other laws restrict freedom of religion and expression of religious minorities.

*Denmark* ***recommends*** *that Indonesia amend or revoke laws and decrees that limit the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.*

Finally, as in 2012, *Denmark* ***recommends*** *that Indonesia ratifies the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment*.

I thank you.