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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Thank you [Mr. President],

The Netherlands thanks Indonesia for its comprehensive report.

We welcome the Indonesian government’s commitment to promote interreligious dialogue. We appreciate that actions to promote interfaith tolerance are included in Indonesia’s National Action Plan on Human Rights.

However, we regret that violence and discrimination against religious and other minorities have continued to occur.

We therefore recommend Indonesia to:

1. Firstly, take all necessary measures to protect the freedom of religion and belief for persons belonging to all religious groups, including by protecting persons belonging to religious minorities from violence and persecution.

2. Secondly, to ensure that the freedom of speech of civil society organisations and special interest groups is promoted and respected across Indonesia so that they can, within the legal framework, voice their views and concerns, even on issues that can be sensitive.

The Netherlands notes that, in Indonesia, room for alternative or dissenting views is increasingly under pressure.

However, the Netherlands looks forward to continuing its close cooperation with Indonesia and we wish Indonesia success in its UPR.

Thank you, [Mr. President].

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