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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF INDONESIA**

**27th SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE UPR REPORT OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**GENEVA 10 MAY 2017**

Mr. President,

Indonesia welcomes the high level delegation of South Africa presented in this UPR Working Group and appreciates the comprehensive presentation of South Africa’s national report.

Indonesia commends South Africa for its National Development Plan (NDP): Vision 2030, which aims to eliminate poverty and reduce inequality by 2030 and the passing of the Prevention and Combating of Torture of Persons Act, 2013 which aims to prevent and combat the torture of persons through more stringent penalties. In addition, South Africa has made significant progress in improving access to education for vulnerable groups particularly for children with disabilities through the implementation of the Policy on Inclusive Education. Indonesia also takes note of better adequate housing policies, health coverage, and further developments in South Africa which should be complimented.

On such note, Indonesia would also like to recommend the followings:

1. To continue strengthening South Africa’s NHRIs in accordance with its constitution (Chapter 9) in order for them to be able to exercise their powers and execute their functions impartially and independently;
2. To redouble its efforts in addressing challenges in terms of economic rights namely to reduce unemployment and to alleviate poverty.

Mr. President,

To conclude, Indonesia wishes South Africa a successful review.

Thank you