**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

**AT THE 37th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE UPR REPORT OF SAINT LUCIA**

(20 January 2021)

Thank you, President,

Indonesia thanks the delegation of Saint Lucia for the presentation of its national report.

Indonesia commends Saint Lucia’s efforts in combatting gender discrimination, alleviating poverty, and improving access to safe and clean water.

To further improve progress in the promotion and protection of human rights in Saint Lucia, Indonesia wishes to offer the following recommendations:

1. to consider ratifying the UN Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and Punishment.
2. to take further efforts, including through international cooperation in capacity building, for gender mainstreaming in domestic law and public policy, in line with the provisions of the CEDAW.
3. to recognize the role of health and essential workers in defending human rights during the COVID-19 pandemic and provide a safe and enabling environment where they can conduct their work free from threats and intimidation; and
4. to take further efforts to ensure all health and essential workers are able to protect themselves during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We wish the Government of Saint Lucia a successful review.

Thank you.

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