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

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

**CONSIDERATION OF THE UPR REPORT OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE**

(27 January 2021)

Thank you, President,

Indonesia thanks the delegation of Sao Tome and Principe for the presentation of its national report.

Indonesia congratulates Sao Tome and Principe for ratifying a number of international human rights instruments since its last cycle, including the CRPD, ICERD and UNCAT.

To further improve human rights progress in Sao Tome and Principe, in the spirit of constructive cooperation, Indonesia wishes to offer the following recommendations:

1. To strengthen efforts in curbing violence against women; and
2. To continue enchancing the capacities of institutions to deal with organized crime, corruption and other challenges related to the rule of law.
3. To strengthen the respect for human rights in maritime sector, including abolishing human trafficking, slavery and other human rights abuses in seafood and fisheries sectors, including through bilateral and international cooperation.

We wish the Government of Sao Tome and Principe a successful review.

Thank you.