

**STATEMENT**

**41th UPR Session of the Human Rights Council**

**on the human rights situation in Indonesia,**

**as delivered by Ambassador Tine Mørch Smith,**

**Permanent Representative of Norway in Geneva.**

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President,

Norway welcomes Indonesia’s recent achievements, particularly on women's rights with the passage into law of the Sexual Violence Crimes Bill.

[While recognising Indonesia’s efforts to strengthen gender equality, we are concerned by the regression of civic space.]

Norway recommends that Indonesia:

1) repeals restrictive provisions in the Criminal Code and the Law Concerning Electronic Information and Transactions, in order to guarantee [a safe environment to exercise the rights to] freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association;

2) takes further steps to comply with the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders to guarantee a safe and enabling environment for human rights defenders, including by investigating and prosecuting threats, harassment and attacks against them;

3) takes steps to reform the Criminal Procedure Law to ensure an accountable justice system that protects human rights and provides equal treatment under the law;

4) ensures legal provisions are in place to protect against discrimination or suppression based on ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or any other grounds.

Thank you.