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

**AT THE 36th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE UPR REPORT OF MALDIVES**

(4 November 2020)

Thank you, Madam President,

Indonesia thanks the delegation of Maldives for the presentation of their national report.

Indonesia welcomes Maldives’ efforts in ensuring the success of its democratic transition, in particular through the introduction of a number of legislation protecting fundamental rights and the enactment of its Zero-Tolerance to Corruption policy.

As a fellow island nation, Indonesia in particular commends Maldives’ initiatives in promoting the agenda of human rights and the environment, including the enactment of ecologically balanced sustainable development policies, and its multistakeholder engagements in undertaking climate action.

To further improve progress in the promotion and protection of human rights in Maldives, Indonesia would like to recommend the following:

1. To continue to strengthen the protection of freedom of expression and freedom of the press, as well as to strengthen efforts in addressing the issue of prison overcrowding, especially during this time of pandemic; and
2. To consider acceding to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families; and
3. To further enhance transparency and accountability in environmental protection, marine life and ecosystems, including through bilateral, regional and international cooperation to abolish human trafficking, slavery and other human rights abuses in the seafood and fisheries sector.

We wish the Government of Maldives a successful review.

Thank you.