Indonesia's intervention at the
Working Group on the Implementation of OP 6 of the GA Res. 60/251
Universal Periodic Review
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III. PERIODICITY AND ORDER OF REVIEW

Mr Facilitator,

With regard to the modalities for the selection of member countries to be reviewed, we have the no strong opinion to voice concerning the options, except to ask whether it should be carried out in alphabetical order, or drawn up in a lots system or through a combination of both. However, after listening attentively to China's arguments, we can support the alphabetical order system as the most appropriate one by virtue of the predictability it offers. More importantly, it should also take into account that the country under review needs to be given enough time to adequately prepare and that the principle of geographical balance should also be considered and applied.

With regard to periodicity, and as mentioned by some delegations, we can go along with the option of a 5-year cycle as the most appropriate cycle for use at this current moment in time, as this will not only be more efficient but will also allow enough time for preparation and implementation. Furthermore, we would like to emphasize that this is not an instant, all at once process, rather, it is an evolving process that can be reviewed after five years, as stated in the GA Resolution 60/251. Thus, the process should continue and if we find that the five-year cycle is not appropriate, then in future, we can review it.

Thank you.