

**Statement by the Indonesian delegation
on the
Progress report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)**

Geneva, 2 October 2006

Mr. President,

On behalf of the Indonesian delegation, I should like to express our appreciation to the facilitator of the Working Group on UPR for his progress report on the current status of the work of the Working Group.

We would also like to associate ourselves with the pertinent remarks contained in the revised paper prepared by the OIC and the statement presented by the Coordinator of the Asian Group, Ambassador Abdulwahab Attar.

Mr. President,

We note that a number of open-ended informal consultations have been held to date to receive delegations' inputs and suggestions in the process currently underway to refine the future operating and methods of the UPR. Indonesia has actively and constructively participated in these meetings, reflecting the importance we attach to this new procedure, which is destined to become a central feature of the Council. The final modalities and working methods of the UPR will be instrumental in achieving a close and proactive interchange between the Council and the governments of member States. This close relationship, built on trust, will be crucial in propagating the concept of the promotion and protection of human rights to all parts of the world.

The informal process has been fruitful. It is now well advanced and the various views are beginning to crystallise into clear positions on several aspects as

discussed in the meetings. Prominent among these are the facts that the UPR should be based on objective and reliable information; that it should respect the principle of universality of coverage and equality of treatment; and that it should take into account the capacity building needs of the countries under review. These, in our view, are important conditions for the future success of the UPR's endeavours. Moreover, as has been stressed in other meetings, there should be no duplication between the UPR and treaty bodies: the two mechanisms should be complementary but separate. We also believe that the process of constructing the modalities for the UPR on one hand and the review of special mechanisms on the other hand should be done in parallel.

These positive developments should encourage the Working Group to move forward to the next stage, namely the formal open-ended consultations. In this perspective, we believe it is now necessary to set a clear schedule for the Working Group so that it can initiate this process. In this regard, we should convey our appreciation to the Bureau for having discussed this issue and provided us with alternative set of dates. The Council then should adopt a decision to formalize this process.

Mr President,

Indonesia is strongly committed to the advancement of the cause of human rights. Therefore we shall continue to demonstrate our strong support and commitment in the institutional-building process of the Council and in the modalities of the UPR framework in particular, through active and constructive contributions towards its outcomes.

Thank you.