Mr. Chairman,

I wish to begin by thanking the President of the Human Rights Council for providing us with the Council’s report on its seventh organizational meeting as well as its 22nd and 23rd sessions. My delegation is very appreciative of the role of the President of the Council and attaches high importance to the significant work that he and the Council have been carrying out.

Mr. Chairman,

For more than seven years, the Council has shown its strong commitment as a key intergovernmental body in strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the globe, as well as formulating recommendations for violations.

Despite its significant achievements, however, there are many areas of improvement that the Council can still explore. In that regard, allow me to highlight the following crucial points.

First, my delegation wishes to reiterate the critical importance for the Council’s engagement to be in accordance with the mandates set out in General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006. Let us be reminded that this august meeting decided to establish the Human Rights Council as part of tackling the political manipulation and double standards that was often exercised in the name of promoting and protecting human rights. The Council should therefore execute the noble task of boosting the protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction and in a fair and equitable manner.

Second, in addressing specific human rights situations, it is critical for the Council to conduct genuine and constructive dialogue with the countries concerned. There cannot be a fixed formula or a one-size-fits-all response. Each situation requires us to carefully observe the situation in order to produce a long-term and sustainable solution that fits specific circumstances but is adaptable to new developments.

Third, we would like to underline the role of the Universal Periodic Review, building on and in synergy with similar processes at the national and regional levels, as an important mechanism for strengthening our efforts to foster the values of democracy and human rights; to take stock and make progress in the field of human rights. Any recommendations made within the
framework of the UPR process should be realistic and implementable. We would also like to highlight the need to provide more technical assistance in the preparation of the report and for the implementation of the UPR recommendations, in particularly for the developing countries.

Fourth, the Council has seen a record number of 51 special procedures appointed to date. While this trend may be considered by some to be necessary, we would like to underline the importance for all mandate-holders to continue to work in the spirit of partnership with all member states and relevant stakeholders, in accordance with Article 4/3 of the Human Rights Council resolution 5/2, and to enhance their coordination so as to avoid duplication in their work. We support the notion that all Special Procedures mandate-holders should work to the highest standards of professionalism whilst fulfilling their mandates. Their work should be carried out in full compliance with the Code of Conduct and in an objective, independent, and non-politicized manner.

Mr. Chairman,

For its part, Indonesia is always ready to strengthen its engagement with human rights mechanisms, including the Special Procedures mandate-holders and Treaty Bodies. As we enter the new stage of the intergovernmental process of the General Assembly on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of human rights treaty bodies, I would like to congratulate Iceland and Tunisia, on behalf of my delegation, for their appointment as the co-facilitators of this important process.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/2, we fervently hope that the process will be able to achieve a comprehensive and sustainable outcome that reflects consensus and contributes to the enhancement of the human rights treaty bodies, as well as the promotion and protection of human rights at the country level.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, Indonesia would once again like to thank the President of the Human Rights Council for his updates and reports. We urge all member states to work in partnership towards the common goal of promoting and protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms. It is our fervent hope that the Council’s deliberations will continue to be beneficial in supporting our efforts in the field of human rights and in achieving tangible impact on the ground.

I thank you.