Mr. Chairman,

I wish to begin by thanking the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies and the High Commissioner for Human Rights for their updates on their work.

Indonesia aligns itself with the statement delivered earlier by Malaysia on behalf of ASEAN.

We value highly the work of all treaty bodies and human rights mandate holders. The Indonesian Government has been engaging constructively with various human rights mandate holders as well as treaty bodies, particularly in the context of our dialog relating to our periodic reports under several human rights conventions to which we are party. We have also been steadfast in our commitment and cooperation with various UN special mandate holders, many of which have been invited to visit Indonesia.

In the context of this commitment, allow me to highlight a few main points.

The first concerns the efforts to enhance the effectiveness of human rights treaty bodies. Indonesia consistently asserts that global promotion and protection of human rights should be carried out through constructive and genuine dialogues and international cooperation aimed at strengthening the capacity of States to comply with their human rights obligations.

My delegation believes that the effort to strengthen the capacity of States to fulfill their human rights obligations should go hand in hand with the effort to strengthen human rights treaty bodies.

For the past two years, Indonesia has dedicated itself to co-facilitating, together with Iceland, the intergovernmental process of the General Assembly on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty bodies.

During that period, various relevant and substantial issues have been discussed intensively. Nonetheless, let us be reminded that there is a sense of urgency in achieving a meaningful outcome, aimed at assisting countries to meet their reporting obligations under respective human rights treaties as well as strengthening the fulfillment of human rights obligations at the national level.

Indonesia would therefore like to welcome GA resolution 68/2 on the extension of the intergovernmental process. My delegation is confident that the next process will be able to achieve a comprehensive and sustainable outcome based on the significant progress of the past year.
Along with this development, we would also like to underscore the importance, for the treaty bodies during their respective dialogue with State parties, of enhancing constructive dialogue and cooperation, as well as taking measures to avoid duplication and overlapping in the discharge of their mandates.

*The second* relates to linkage between human rights and their deliberations within the post-2015 development agenda. The Rio+20 Outcome Document reaffirmed the importance of freedom, peace and security; respect for all human rights, including the right to development and the right to an adequate standard of living; as well as the overall commitment to just and democratic societies for development.

*The third* pertains to the importance that we attach to the implementation of our commitments as reflected in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (VDPA). In this regard, Indonesia has continued to make efforts to translate her commitment to human rights into action.

Indonesia is now implementing the third Human Rights Action Plan (2011 – 2014), which incorporates all international human rights instruments that Indonesia has ratified. This third plan introduces the additional mechanism of public complaints, providing more room for the public to channel their grievances on issues concerning human rights.

Despite many achievements and much progress since the VDPA was adopted 20 years ago, there are still some challenges that need to be tackled. We therefore call on all countries to strengthen their political will on this issue.

Mr. Chairman,

As the world’s third largest democracy, Indonesia bears witness to the different challenges and opportunities in building peace, as well as in the promotion and protection of human rights at home.

We have directly seen the fruit of national capacity development. We have achieved major national reforms, including in the rule of law, governance, human rights, political processes, elections, media development, civil society and women participation. We continue to intensify the consolidation of democracy through the reinforcement of the system, institution and culture of democracy.

Therefore, we strongly believe that any democratic transitions should go hand in hand with the promotion and protection of human rights, and we welcome the positive developments taking place in countries which recently transitioned toward democracy.

The international community, including through our work in this Committee, should contribute towards enabling the respective governments to assume their core functions, and our efforts must focus towards assisting them and aligning our assistance behind their respective needs.

In this context, Indonesia wishes to reiterate that the endeavor of the international community here should be based on the principles of constructive dialogue and genuine cooperation from the country-concerned.

In our view, there is no fixed formula for addressing specific human rights situations. Each requires careful observation to enable us to produce a sustainable solution that fits with those circumstances. In the same vein, Indonesia strongly encourages countries in transition to continue their constructive engagement with the international community with a view to enhancing their capacity to promote and protect human rights in their own context.
Mr. Chairman,

On the issue of migrant workers, Indonesia places high importance on the promotion and protection of the rights of all migrant workers, including around 4.3 million Indonesian migrant workers abroad, with a significant number of them in the informal sector.

Bearing this in mind, the Government of Indonesia has been striving to make the protection of migrant workers a priority, including through strengthening national legislations and institutional frameworks, improving inter-agency coordination and policy implementation, as well as enhancing protection efforts by Indonesian Missions abroad.

In addition to our ratification of various international Conventions in this respect, we are working bilaterally to strengthen arrangements with countries of employment, and established a moratorium on workers in countries that do not guarantee the protection of Indonesian migrant workers.

Regionally, Indonesia's efforts to strengthen the protection of migrant workers include advancing legally binding instruments on the protection of migrant workers within the framework of ASEAN.

The same is also true at the global level, particularly within the framework of the United Nations. Indonesia has constantly worked to ensure the adoption of the UN General Assembly resolution on the eradication of violence to women migrant workers. This year, in this regard, we are continuing our co-facilitation role with the Philippines on the draft.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, Indonesia would like to reiterate her readiness, as a part of the international community, to find ways to strengthen the solidarity and political will of all States towards vigorously addressing the gap in the promotion and protection of human rights.

I thank you.