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INTERVENTION ON BELARUS

Mr President,

Indonesia, as many other developing countries, is averse to country-specific issues and mandates. Nevertheless, my delegation cannot fail to notice the wide gap of views, or even diametrical opposition of perspectives, between the SR and the Belarus delegation.

Without going into a discussion on the human rights situation in the country, my delegation wishes to point to the fact that a large contradiction of views and perspectives between any two sides, in an issue as universal as human rights, usually involved politicized positions.

Without prejudging the case, my delegation would like to use this opportunity to once again stress our general view regarding human rights matters, on the importance of dialogue and cooperation between the relevant sides and stakeholders, in a manner that is balanced, fair and transparent. We would also like to remind the stakeholders of the importance of human rights education, capacity-building and technical cooperation aspects.

Thank you.