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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF INDONESIA
AGENDA ITEM 2 AND 3 (SG/HC THEMATIC REPORTS)
GENERAL DEBATE
GENEVA, 18 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the High Commissioner for presenting the reports.

We thank the High Commissioner for efforts to formulate those reports as mandated by the Council.

Mr. President,

We would like to respond to a statement by certain party at the ID with the WG on arbitrary detention pertaining issue of arbitrary arrest in Papua province, Indonesia. We regret the statement fails to fully comprehend the current democratic setting, instead using the old lenses to see the new and democratic Indonesia.

As a democratic state, Indonesian Constitution guarantees the freedom of opinion, expression, and assembly. Therefore in Indonesia there will be no person detained just because of his/her political opinion or exercise of freedom of expression and assembly unless the person acts against the criminal laws.

It is within this context, the detainment of persons at the cases put forward should be understood. They have violated the procedures of convening public assembly (procedures that are legitimate and permitted by international human rights law), as well as the prohibition to use sharp weapon. Most of them, who were found not violating the law, were released shortly after.

With regard to the allegation of torture, should there be any evidence of wrongdoing of law enforcement officials, there will be independent investigation, and those who found guilty will be punished accordingly.

Indeed, the government continues to strengthen the legal framework against torture, including by the revision process of penal code that incorporates the definition of torture as in the UN CAT, considering a specific law on anti-torture, to enhance capacity of law enforcement officials and military personnel and to increase public awareness of this issue. Moreover, channel of complaint and remedies are ensured.

Mr. President,

My government reiterates its commitment to promote human rights, peace, and development in all places in Indonesia, including in Papua and West Papua provinces. We will make our best endeavor to translate the commitment into action.

Lastly, my delegation would like to reiterate our strong commitment for constructive cooperation and dialogue with all stakeholders based on mutual respect.

I thank you.