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Statement by the Indonesian delegation on the  
General debate on Item 5  
10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council  
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Mr. President,

Allow me to reiterate my delegation's appreciation to the Rapporteur on the Advisory Committee for the report submitted to this Council, which gives a detailed account of the wide range of activities accomplished under his guidance in the Committee's first and second sessions.

In our comments at the time, we emphasized the importance our delegation attaches to the work and expertise of the HRC Advisory Committee in the fulfilment of its various mandates, as per the terms stipulated in Resolution 5/1 (B-package). We would therefore like to further congratulate the Committee on the work it has carried out in its second session and for the progress that has been achieved, notably on the deliberations relating to the Declaration on Human Rights Training and Education, to which Indonesia has contributed.

However, we also take this opportunity to reiterate the need for the Committee to stay focused on the issues assigned to it as requested by the Council and as stipulated in Article 75 of IB Package. Furthermore, on the subject of working method, the IB Package clearly specifies that the Committee shall not adopt resolutions or decisions. Thus, it is necessary to stress the need to avoid drifting back to the *modus operandi* of the erstwhile Sub-Commission if we are to have an HRCAC that functions effectively and efficiently as the new think-tank body of the Council.

Having said this, we would like to wish the Committee all the best for its future deliberations and look forward to its valuable inputs and advice to further enhance the promotion and protection of human rights.

Mr. President,

With regard to the Social Forum, Indonesia appreciates the commitment and the ongoing efforts which have been geared towards the eradication of

poverty and the furtherance of human rights. We only hope that given the recent global trends, the issues covered by the Chairperson-Rapporteur will be further elaborated upon and a normative framework established to resolve many of the challenges faced.

Mr. President,

We particularly appreciate the work of the Expert Mechanism for the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples which we believe to be an essential apparatus for considering the rights as well as the challenges linked to the implementation of their rights. We are especially appreciative of the work undertaken as regards the Durban review process as it addresses the discrimination of indigenous and tribal people. We affirm our support for the positive steps taken to address these and other interlinked issues.

In conclusion, my delegation acknowledges and supports the five proposals of the Expert Mechanism (A/HRC/10/56) as put forward in the session's report. We believe it is important that this body should work within the established precepts of its mandate.

And finally, with regard to the upcoming work of this body, my delegation would like to ask what specific strategies (if any) the Expert Mechanism has in place to promote the right to education of minorities in 2009 and if they intend to first seek the inputs of minorities before establishing such strategies.

Thank you.