

Statement
Indonesian Delegation on Central Java Earthquake
New York, 31 May 2006

Mr. President,

First of all, I should like to express on behalf of the Government and people of Indonesia our deep appreciation for the expressions of sympathy that you as well as governments of member states have extended in the wake of the earthquake in the province of Yogyakarta on 27 May 2006. We also thank those member states who have generously offered and rendered emergency aid and assistance for the victims.

It is encouraging to see that in the wake of this unfortunate incident, the international community has once again risen to its feet in solidarity. It is our fervent hope that this spirit of unity will continue to be promoted under the auspices of international organizations such as the United Nations. It is therefore our responsibility together to keep the spirit of international unity and solidarity afloat.

Just to briefly share with you some of the current developments, as of 31 May 2006 the death toll has reached 5,800 people, and close to 10,000 people suffering heavy and minor injuries. So far 54,000 homes have been reported damaged, which has unfortunately displaced approximately 200,000 people.

Thank you.