Madam President,

At the outset, Indonesia aligns itself with the statement delivered by Tonga on behalf of the Asia Pacific Group.

We concur with the statement by the Chair of our group that the theme of this year is indeed apt and timely, particularly in the wake of the terrorist attack that took place at Al Noor Mosque and Linwood Mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand, on 15 March 2019.

Indonesia strongly condemns the attack, in which people of many different backgrounds, including our citizens, lost their lives. Terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security.
We take this opportunity to convey our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims and to the Government of New Zealand and wish a speedy and full recovery to those who were injured.

Madam President,

The Christchurch attack serves as a reminder of the dangers of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. It also demonstrates how harmfulness of the lack of understanding about Islam as a religion of peace.

In that light, we call for all to refrain from counter-productive statements that can only worsen the situation. We must prevent the 'clash of civilizations' from happening.

This is a time in which we must work together to reinforce the values of tolerance within and among Member States. We should re-double our efforts in promoting interfaith dialogue, improving mutual understanding among us, and combating discrimination against human beings on any grounds, race, religion or faith.

Madam President,

Allow me to conclude by reaffirming Indonesia’s strong commitment to implementing the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, to which we have been party since 1999.

In today’s context, our commitment entails preventing the rise of nationalist populism and ideologies of supremacy. This is a mission that all Member States must undertake together as members of one humanity.

Thank you.