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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, we would like to thank Ms. Sarah Cliffe, Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser for Civilian Capacities, for introducing the Secretary-General's report contained in document A/67/312, as well as Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Vice-Chair of the ACABQ, for introducing the Committee's relevant report, contained in document A/67/583.

Indonesia associates itself with the statement made by the distinguished delegate from Algeria on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. Chairman,

Indonesia's steadfast support and contribution on enabling global civilian capacities derives from our constitutional mandate to actively contribute to the maintenance of international peace and security.

In relation to the civilian capacity initiative, we have taken an active role in the process leading up to the adoption of General Assembly resolution 66/255 on Civilian Capacity in the Aftermath of Conflict in March this year.

We have also held the first regional consultation on strengthening partnership for civilian capacity in the aftermath of conflict in March this year in Bali, together with Norway and supported by the UN civilian capacity team.

Mr. Chairman,

Following the consensus adoption of GA resolution 66/255, much useful consultation and work have been undertaken to advance this agenda and develop the report before us.

My delegation takes note of the progress described in the report of the Secretary General, which elaborates the ongoing works at the country level and the development of partnerships over the past year, as well as the internal arrangements of the United Nations to support the civilian capacity initiative.

While noting that the report contains useful insights for further discussion, my delegation shares the view of the ACABQ that many elements in the Secretary General's report are still conceptual in nature. We therefore look forward to receiving a more detailed proposal, including the programmatic, administrative and budgetary implications of the civilian capacity initiative.

Among the administrative and budgetary aspects of the civilian capacity initiative that we would like to discuss further include, but is not limited to, the details and progress of the CAPMATCH initiative, the mobilization of funding and expertise for national institution-building, and access to capacities, particularly the use of Government-provided personnel or civilian staff.

Mr. Chairman,

The Indonesian Government is also participating in the CAPMATCH. We have provided information on the availability of Indonesian civilian capacity to the CAPMATCH in the area of core government functionality and economic revitalization as well as on basic security, involving our National Police in this online platform.

Our support for this approach, among others, stems from our conviction about the importance of transparency and equal opportunity for countries from the Global South and those having gone through transitional democracy to contribute to the national capacity development of post-conflict countries, in accordance with the national ownership principle. We are hopeful that this platform, when transparently managed, along with proper oversight by Member States, has the potential for achieving success.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation also wishes to underline the importance of continuing close consultations and collaboration with Member States and other relevant stakeholders in the civilian capacity follow-up process. The importance of comprehensive and inclusive consultations has been reaffirmed by the General Assembly resolution 66/255. We believe that such consultations have provided useful ideas and insights to the civilian capacity initiative, and thus remain crucial in continuing our effort to improve United Nations support to capacity building in countries emerging from conflict.

In closing, I would like to express my delegation's commitment to engage constructively with you and other delegations in the Fifth Committee on this important agenda item. We will also stand ready to engage in the discussions on this important agenda in various General Assembly fora as well as in the Peacebuilding Commission.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.