Thank you, Mr Chairman,

On behalf of the Indonesian delegation, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as the chair of this meeting.

Mr Chairman,

With regards to Trafficking in Persons, as mandated by the Palermo Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, Indonesia has enacted Law No. 21 Year 2007 concerning The Eradication of Trafficking in Persons as well as ratified the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families by Law No. 6 in 2012.

The Law enforces actions to prevent and combat the crime in a national level, and regulates the criminalization of Trafficking in Persons while at the same time protecting migrant workers who often became victims of TOCs. To ensure implementation of the Law, a specialized Task Force is established to deal with Trafficking in Persons in Indonesia, consisting of the related Ministries and Law Enforcement Bodies.

In effectively combating Trafficking in Persons, Indonesia believes closer cooperation with other nations is a must. Such cooperation became in top of the agenda when dealing with information sharing activities, and joint investigations, or dealing with differences in the legal regimes.

Mr. Chairman,

To tackle different legal systems and ensuring prosecution as well as proper due process of law, UNTOC has regulated a Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) mechanisms. Indonesia has enacted Law No. 1 Year 2006 on MLA, and established 10 bilateral agreements and one regional agreement on MLA with a number of countries, to assist on prosecutions and legal proceedings of crimes.

Indonesia has also established police to police agreements with several countries, such as the Philippines, Australia, Namibia, and Timor Leste. The cooperation includes joint investigation mechanisms in combating Trafficking in Persons. Indonesia commits to continue to prioritize on combating Trafficking in Persons, and open to cooperate with many counterparts.

Mr Chairman,

Despite the increased cooperation in dealing with transnational organized crime, my Delegation is of the conviction that further, more intensive and robust cooperation could and must be carried out in dealing with trafficking in persons, especially in the area of fisheries industry. My Delegation is deeply concerned of cases regarding Indonesian seamen that have been victims of various abuses on board foreign fishing vessels, including alleged
practice of trafficking in persons. The seamen have been beaten, tortured and forced to work under dire conditions with little regard of their welfare and health.

We take this matter very seriously and therefore call upon all States Parties to take concrete measure to enhance cooperation in order to prevent and combat these heinous crimes, provide justice to victims, and prevent any impunity.

I thank you.