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**Statement by Malaysia
Review of Bahrain
13th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council
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Madame President,

The Malaysian delegation warmly welcomes H.E. _____ and his delegation to the first session of the second UPR cycle and we thank the delegation for their detailed presentation.

2. My delegation notes the positive engagement and cooperation taken by the Government of Bahrain to implement its accepted recommendations and we further note the Government's continuous commitment in the promotion and protection of human rights - as evidence through its many achievements in the area of education, health, and human and social development, in particular the development of women. In this regard, we encourage the Government of Bahrain to continue to update its National Plan for the Advancement of women to ensure that women are provided with adequate information and resources on their rights and that they are given equal participation in public life.

3. We further welcome the constitutional reform undertaken by Bahrain on a number of human rights issues. We also note the measures taken by Bahrain in implementing its voluntary commitments from its previous report.

4. My delegation note Bahrain's swift action in resolving the crisis which occurred in the country in February and March 2011. We acknowledge the report of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry and welcome the commitment expressed by the Government of Bahrain to implement the Commission's recommendations. We trust that the Government of Bahrain will continue its efforts in providing enough support and resources to implement the Commission's recommendation in an effective and efficient manner.

Madame President,

5. My delegation would like to propose the following recommendations in a number of areas for the consideration of Bahrain:

- 5.1. To step up efforts to strengthen public education, awareness programme and skill training particularly aimed at increasing awareness on human rights in Bahrain; and
- 5.2. To continue its efforts in ensuring that the housing conditions of workers suffering from humanitarian neglect to be continuously inspected and monitored.

Thank you, Madame President.

**GENEVA
21 May 2012**