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**Statement by Malaysia
Review of Brazil (1:34)
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Thank you Madam President,

The Malaysian delegation warmly welcomes H.E. _____ and his delegation, and we thank the delegation for their comprehensive presentation.

2. My delegation wishes to congratulate Brazil for the many progress achieved in the areas of human rights since the last review in 2008. We are pleased to note the efforts taken to strengthen the legislative and institutional framework for the promotion and protection of human rights in the country, particularly the measures taken to improve its National Human Rights Programme or the PNDH-3 in 2009.

3. Brazil has certainly made noteworthy gains in the economic and social growth, in particular its continuous efforts to combat poverty as well as in reducing inequality and discrimination among its people. In addressing the issue of extreme poverty, we welcome the launching of the Brazil without Poverty Plan in June 2011. We are encouraged by the serious efforts implemented by Brazil to reach out to the poorest population so as to ensure that their needs are equally taken care of. We further commend Brazil's unwavering commitment to improve the socio-economic situation of the population in the areas of education, health and gender equality.

Madam President,

4. My delegation wishes to propose the following recommendations for the consideration of Brazil:

- 4.1. To expedite effort to establish a national human rights institution in conformity with the Paris Principles; and
- 4.2. To take more effective measures to address the problem of social and economic inequality, in particular in the areas of health, education and employment opportunities between the population in the urban and rural areas

I thank you, Madam President.

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