



Review of India

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Thank you, Madame. President,

My delegation joins others in welcoming the delegation of India, led by H.E Goolam E. Vanhavati to this session of UPR working Group and we thank the delegation for their comprehensive and detailed presentation.

2. Malaysia wishes to congratulate India for the significant progress achieved by the country in the promotion and protection of human rights which is evident through the enactment of various legislations on many important areas including protection of women and children and other vulnerable groups, education, environment and employment. We are encouraged to note that despite in surmountable challenges, the Government has managed to improve the quality of lives of its vast population through the adoption of a holistic, inclusive and multipronged approach towards the promotion and protection of human rights.

3. We also commend India's active and constructive role in all human rights related issues in the UN, including in this Council. We hope India will continue to play this positive role, which has contributed significantly to the multilateral cooperation on human rights at the international level.

4. My delegation wishes to make the following recommendations for the consideration of India:

- 4.1 To intensify efforts in providing capacity building and training programmes on human rights for its law enforcement officials as well as judicial and legal officials in the rural areas; and

- 4.2 To allocate more resources in sectors that provide basic services such as health, education and employment opportunities, in particular to women and girls in the poor and rural population to ensure that they would be able to participate and benefit from the country's development process.

I thank you, Madame President.

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