



Statement by Malaysia
Review of Morocco (1:15)
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Thank you Madame President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Morocco led by H.E. _____ and his delegation to the first session of the second UPR cycle and we thank the delegation for their presentation.

2. Malaysia commends Morocco for the major strides made in the promotion and protection of human rights of its peoples, in particular in the area of legislative reform and socio-economic development. We note with particular attention the creation of the Inter-ministerial Unit on Human Rights, the establishment of the National Human Rights Council and the Office of the Ombudsman to further strengthen the institutional framework for the promotion and protection of human rights.

3. We are also pleased to note the efforts taken by the government to improve the socio-economic situation of the population including by increasing investment in health, education, job creation, poverty eradication and social services project as well as its proactive stance in advancing the rights of women and children.

Madame President,

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

- 4.1 To allocate more resources in promoting and protecting human rights in crucial areas such as poverty eradication, justice administration, education, public health and gender equality for all sections of the population; and

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4.2 To step up effort to prevent and combat sexual exploitation and trafficking in women and children including by ensuring that all allegations of trafficking and sexual abuses are investigated and the perpetrators are brought to justice and punished.

Thank you, Madame President.

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