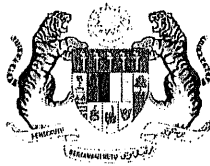


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**Statement by Malaysia**  
**Review of the Philippines (1.44)**  
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Thank you Madame President,

Malaysia wishes to extend a very warm welcome to **Her Excellency Madam Leila de Lima** and her delegation to this session of the UPR Working Group, and we thank the delegation for their comprehensive and detailed presentation of the report.

2. Malaysia welcomes the positive developments in the country as well as efforts that have been undertaken by the Philippines to implement its accepted recommendations. We are encouraged by the progress made in the advancement of economic, social and cultural rights under the auspices of the Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016. We also note with appreciation the serious efforts by the Philippines in mainstreaming human rights in government and the Philippines society with the creation of the second Philippine Human Rights Plan 2012-2017. My delegation is particularly pleased with the creation of several new laws on women's and children's rights, in particular the Magna Carta of Women.

3. As a close neighbour and fellow ASEAN member, Malaysia and the Philippines share many similar concerns and priorities. Among these include poverty eradication as well as socio-economic development. In this regard, we note the Government's serious efforts in eradicating poverty and in meeting the basic needs of the poor and other vulnerable groups.

Madam President,

4. For their consideration, we wish to recommend the Philippines to:

4.1. To provide more resources to support the effective implementation of the Magna Carta of Women; and

4.1 To redouble its effort in the area of wealth distribution and poverty eradication, including by allocating adequate human and financial resources and providing support and material assistance to the vulnerable groups in the rural areas

I thank you, Madame President.

**GENEVA**  
**29 May 2012**