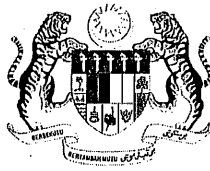


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**Statement by Malaysia  
Review of Poland  
13<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council  
21 May – 4 June 2012**

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Thank you Madame President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Poland led by H.E. \_\_\_\_\_ and his delegation and we thank the delegation for their comprehensive and detailed presentation.

Madame President,

2. We are encouraged to note that Poland has taken steps to strengthen its legislative and institutional framework aimed at promoting and protecting human rights in the country which include the establishment of a number of ombuds institutions on a wide range of human rights issues. We further acknowledge the efforts by the Polish Government to deal with the issue of trafficking in person, children's and women's right, health, education, environment and the rights of minorities and vulnerable groups.

3. My delegation however remains concerned at the increased number of racial violence, abuse and discrimination committed against minority groups including Arabs, Asians, African as well as the Jewish communities. We are concerned with the lack of attention and priorities given by the law enforcement agencies in conducting thorough investigation and prosecution to reported cases of abuse and discrimination.

Madam President,

4. While we note the progress made by the Polish Government in providing human rights education to its police force, my delegation notes with concern the number of reports of excessive use of force committed by the

police and other law enforcement officials and the rising number of investigations of misconduct.

5. My delegation also notes the continued social marginalisation and discrimination faced by the Roma community particularly in the field of education, employment and housing. We are confident however, that the Government will do its utmost to address the problem.

Madame President,

6. For their consideration, we wish to recommend Poland to:

- 6.1. Redouble its efforts to address racially motivated hate crimes by ensuring that all such incidents are thoroughly investigated and that perpetrators are brought to justice, and to continue to raise awareness of its people on this issue;
- 6.2. To take more effective steps to eradicate cases of police misconduct including by establishing independent body to investigate police misconduct; and
- 6.3. To enhance effort towards full integration of the Roma community into the society with a view to improve their overall living condition.

I thank you, Madame President.

**GENEVA**  
**30 May 2012**