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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
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Thank you Madam President,

My delegation joins earlier speakers in welcoming the delegation of Argentina led by H.E. Mr. Juan Martin Fresneda to the 14th Session of the UPR Working Group. We thank His Excellency for the presentation of its national report.

2. Malaysia is encouraged to note that Argentina has continued, to demonstrate its commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights in the country since its first review in 2008. Since then, Argentina has acceded to or ratified a number of international human rights instruments such as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and its Optional Protocol; and the third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, to name a few. We are further encouraged that Argentina has also completed its ratification process of all the international human rights instruments and that the Government is in a vigorous mode to implement the accepted recommendations of its first cycle of the UPR.

3. My delegation is also pleased to note that Argentina has made advancements in the area of social security for its citizens particularly on the non-contributory pension benefits for the elderly, employment, empowerment of women, full inclusion of persons with disabilities into its society, children and education, among others. At the same time, Malaysia also recognizes that Argentina is also facing challenges that could hinder the full enjoyment of human rights by its people, such as the reported issues of trafficking in persons and the full implementation of its domestic legislation to enable Argentina to comply with the international human rights instruments that it has acceded or ratified.

4. Taking into account of its achievements and the challenges that it faces in the field of human rights, my delegation would like to propose to Argentina the following two recommendations:

- 4.1 to intensify its efforts in the implementation of the law on the trafficking in persons, especially that of children and women; and
- 4.2 to continue strengthening its domestic measures with regard to persons with disabilities, in accordance with its international obligations under the CRPD that Argentina had ratified in 2008.

I thank you, Madam President.

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