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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Gabon
14th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council
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Thank you Madam President,

MS. IDA

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Gabon led by H.E. RETENO ASSONOUE to the 14th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council. We thank the delegation of Gabon for their comprehensive and detailed presentation of its national report.

Madam President,

2. My delegation is very encouraged to note the strong emphasis and commitment that Gabon has placed on the promotion and protection of the human rights of its people. This commitment is not only evident through the successful implementation of the recommendations made at the first cycle of the UPR, but also the significant progress it has made in the past four years in the areas of health, education, women and children, and social, political and human development. We are encouraged by the initiative of the Government of Gabon in ratifying a number of international human rights instruments, and the cooperation it has shown with international human rights mechanisms.

3. My delegation acknowledges the important measures that have been achieved by the Government of Gabon, particularly in the operationalisation of its National Human Rights Commission in September 2011 and the reduction of crime rates in the country since 2009. We further encourage the Government of Gabon to continue implementing its planned public policies.

Madam President,

4. For their consideration, we would like to recommend Gabon to:

- 4.1. improve access to health care for all and in this regard, to provide adequate resources to its health care system, including by providing necessary training to improve its health services;
and
- 4.2. step up its efforts in alleviating poverty and further improve wealth distribution in order to achieve MDG 1 on poverty reduction by 2015.

I thank you, Madam President.

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