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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
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Thank you Madam President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Japan, headed by H.E. **MR. HIDEAKI UEDA** to this session of the UPR. We thank the Japanese delegation for the presentation of its national report.

2. We note with interest the significant progress that Japan has made in the promotion and protection of human rights since its first UPR in 2008. We laud Japan's efforts to strengthen its legislative measures to be in compliance with the relevant international human rights instruments that it has acceded to or ratified. Progress has also been made on the promotion and protection of rights of persons with disabilities, women and children. Malaysia is also encouraged to note Japan's advancement in the areas of human rights' training.

3. We however note that there remain some challenges that need to be addressed as mentioned in its national report, such as on the establishment of a new national human rights institution that is in line with the Paris Principles. Further, we ~~also sincerely~~ hope ~~that~~ Japan would allow its younger generation to learn from its past ~~history~~ **also** ~~history~~.

4. As part of our constructive engagement in the UPR process, my delegation would like to make 2 recommendations for the consideration of Japan:

- 4.1 One: to continue its efforts to establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles; and
- 4.2 Two: to continue its efforts in the advancement for the promotion and protection of the rights of women by implementing its "Third Basic Plan for Gender Equality" and its "Action Plan to Promote Economic Revival through Women's Active Participation".

I thank you, Madam President.

GENEVA
31 October 2012