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**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**  
**Review of Pakistan**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council**  
**22 October – 5 November 2012**

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Thank you Madam President,

We welcome the delegation of Pakistan headed by H.E. Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar, Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group. We thank Pakistan for the comprehensive and detailed presentation of its national report.

2. Malaysia is encouraged by the significant progress that Pakistan has made in the promotion and protection of human rights through the strengthening of its national legislative frameworks, including the establishment of a National Commission for Human Rights. We further applaud the progress that had been made in the areas of judicial independence, gender equality and rights of individuals and vulnerable groups, particularly women and children.

3. We approve Pakistan's desire to contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights at the international level by aspiring to become a member of the Human Rights Council for the term 2013-2015.

4. My delegation is also appreciative of Pakistan's acknowledgement that it still faces challenges in the promotion and protection of human rights but we are also confident that the Government will do its utmost to address those issues.

5. In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation would like to propose the following two recommendations for Pakistan's consideration:

- 5.1. to enhance efforts in the area of human rights education, training and awareness for its officials involved in the implementation of the related human rights laws and legislation; and

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- 5.2. to continue evaluating its national capacities so as to be in line with the international human rights treaties it has acceded to or ratified.

I thank you, Madam President.

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