



**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**  
**Review of Republic of Korea (ROK)**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council**  
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Thank you Madam President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Korea (ROK), headed by H.E. Mr. Ghil Tae-Ki, Vice Minister of Justice to the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the Korean delegation for the comprehensive and detailed presentation of its national report.

2. Malaysia is encouraged by the Republic of Korea's continuous efforts to further promote and protect human rights in the country, particularly on the successful implementation of the accepted recommendations deriving from its first UPR in 2008. We are further encouraged that the Republic of Korea has instituted a range of legal and administrative measures aimed at ensuring respect for human rights, among others, through the enactment, amendment and revision of its domestic laws to comply with the various international human rights instruments it has acceded to and ratified; the launching of the second National Action Plan for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights; the incorporation of gender perspective into all Government policies and the revision of the National Human Rights Commission Act which expands of the investigatory scope of its national human rights institution.

3. Malaysia appreciates the Republic of Korea's positive role and contributions in the promotion and protection of human rights at the international level, particularly on the inclusion of the fundamental principles of promoting the human rights of women and children, fulfilling gender equality and promoting humanitarianism within the context of its official development assistance (ODA) programmes. We also note that the Republic of Korea aims to further contribute to the international efforts of promoting and protecting human rights by aspiring to become a member of the Human Rights Council in 2013.

4. My delegation has 2 recommendations for the consideration of the Republic of Korea:

- 4.1 to step up its efforts to address the issue trafficking of women and children; and
- 4.2 to continue giving priority and allocating adequate resources for the implementation of the national strategies for the protection and promotion of the rights of children.

I thank you, Madam President.

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**25 October 2012**