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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Zambia
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Thank you Madam President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Zambia led by H.E. MR. MUSA MWENYE to the 14th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council. We thank the Zambian delegation for the presentation of its national report.

2. My delegation welcomes the renewed commitment and actions taken by Zambia to further promote and protect the human rights of its people, and in improving the quality of life of those living in rural areas. We are encouraged by the initiatives of the Government of Zambia in introducing various legislative measures, policies and programmes that are aimed at further empowering its citizens in the areas of education, health, agriculture, local government and housing.

3. We are appreciative of the Government of Zambia's sincere acknowledgement in its report that it is confronted with various challenges in the field of human rights. We firmly believe that the Government would do its utmost to address those challenges. As such, we are supportive of Zambia's request for capacity-building and technical assistance, if any, to further enhance the effective enjoyment of human rights in the country.

4. In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation would like to propose the following two recommendations for the consideration of Zambia:

4.1. One: to increase its efforts to further strengthen the national mechanism for the advancement of women and to provide such mechanism with adequate resources; and

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- 4.2. Two: to increase its national budget in the areas of health to ensure that its health facilities meet the Ministry of Health's guidelines and requirements with regard to equipment and services.

I thank you, Madam President.

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30 October 2012