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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Burundi
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Burundi, led by H.E. Clotilde Niragira, to the 15th Session of the UPR Working Group and thank them for the presentation of its national report.

2. My delegation appreciates the various measures that have been undertaken by Burundi to implement recommendations deriving from its first UPR review. Malaysia notes that Burundi has made significant changes on its legislative and juridical frameworks with a view to further strengthening the protection and promotion of human rights in the country. Malaysia commends Burundi's move to revise its Criminal Code in 2011 to combat gender-based violence, among others, and to establish the National Independent Human Rights Commission in accordance with the Paris Principles in 2010.

3. Malaysia also acknowledges Burundi's continuous efforts in upholding the principle of equality among its citizens, particularly for women and children, where significant progress have been made in these areas. My delegation further applauds Burundi's commitment in implementing measures aimed at respecting the minimum quota of 30 percent for the representation of women in decision-making bodies; efforts in ensuring the protection of children and fair access to treatment and health services; as well as measures to provide an inclusive education system for its citizens.

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

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- 4.1. to continue its efforts aimed at combating gender-based violence, including adopting, a specific bill on gender-based violence; and
- 4.2. to continue implementing measures for the improvement of maternal and child health in line with its National Health Development Plan for 2011 to 2015.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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24 January 2013