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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
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Thank you Mr. President,

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

2. My delegation positively notes the consultative method adopted by Liechtenstein in approaching its UPR exercise. Malaysia is also encouraged by the efforts made by Liechtenstein in implementing all the recommendations deriving from its first UPR, particularly on the strengthening of its legislative and institutional mechanisms. Malaysia notes that significant progress have been made in the areas of gender equality, rights of children, elder persons and persons with disabilities. Malaysia also lauds Liechtenstein's awareness-raising programme and efforts to adopt a five-year national plan to combat and prevent racism.

3. While recognizing the achievements made by Liechtenstein in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country, my delegation also notes that the country is still faced with the challenges of racism, intolerance and xenophobia. We laud the measures taken by the authorities on the integration of persons belonging to different ethnic and religious groups. Nevertheless, we note that Muslims still face a number of obstacles in practising their religion.

4. In the spirit of constructive engagement and cooperation, my delegation would like to make the following three recommendations for the consideration of Liechtenstein:

- 4.1. to take further steps to improve the integration into society of persons belonging to different ethnic and religious groups, including Muslims;

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- 4.2. to ensure the effective implementation of the national action plan against racism and to take more resolute measures to prevent, combat and monitor any manifestations of intolerance and xenophobia; and
- 4.3. to establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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