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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
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Thank you Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Luxembourg, led by H.E. Nicolas Schmit, to the 15th Session of the UPR Working Group and we thank them for the presentation of its national report.

2. My delegation commends the significant achievements made by Luxembourg, especially on the strengthening of its legislative framework, for the promotion and protection of human rights in the country since its first UPR review. In particular, my delegation positively notes that Luxembourg has ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and its Optional Protocol in 2011. In this regard, Malaysia welcomes Luxembourg's efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the said Convention by adopting a national plan of action in 2012, with the involvement of civil society in developing the plan.

3. We would like to commend Luxembourg on the various measures taken to address the issue including the strengthening of Luxembourg's Criminal Code in 2011 to combat certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia. My delegation also notes the efforts that have been undertaken by Luxembourg to combat all forms of discrimination and intolerance through its educational framework. However, my delegation notes that while there have been positive developments in fighting discrimination, issues of concern persist, such as inequalities in employment.

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

4.1. to continue its efforts aimed at combating discrimination and intolerance; and

- 4.2. to conduct information campaigns so as to familiarise the public and minority group on the law and legislation relating to racial discrimination with a view for the benefit of potential victims of racism and xenophobia.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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