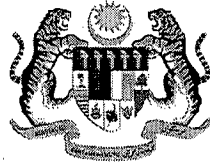


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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Mali
15th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Mali led by H.E. Mr. Malick Coulibaly to the 15th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council and thank them for the presentation of its national report.

2. My delegation acknowledges the difficulties faced by Mali to fulfil its human rights obligations due to the institutional instability and security conflict resulting from the outbreak of the armed rebellion in northern Mali since the beginning of 2012, which has adversely impacted the human rights situation in the country. Nevertheless, it is my delegation's hope that the Government of Mali will continue its efforts in finding a just and lasting solution to the conflict so as to bring order and create a conducive environment towards furthering the efforts for the protection and promotion of human rights in Mali.

3. My delegation applauds the various measures that have been taken by the Government of Mali in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country since its first UPR review. Significant efforts have been made in the improvement of education and health, as well as women rights in the country. My delegation believes that with a strong will, commitment and continuous efforts by the Government, the human rights situation in the country would be further improved in the future.

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

4.1. to continue efforts aimed at improving the national nutrition consumption including accelerating the process of adopting a national policy paper on this matter; and

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- 4.2. to double its efforts in strengthening its educational system including accelerating the implementation of all the recommendations deriving from its National Forum on Education held in 2008.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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22 January 2013