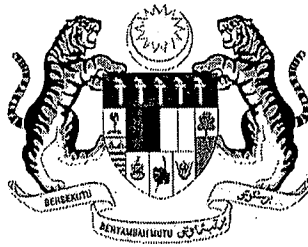


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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA

Review of Romania

15th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council
21 January – 1 February 2013

Thank you Mr. President,

The Malaysian delegation is pleased to welcome the delegation of Romania led by **H.E Mr. Bogdan Aurescu** to this session of the UPR Working Group and we thank them for the presentation.

2. My delegation notes with encouragement the Romanian government on the progress and extensive improvements it has made in the areas of human rights and fundamental freedom for its people.

3. In particular, we welcome the efforts made by the Government, through the adoption of its 'Strategy of the Government of Romania for the inclusion of the Romanian citizens belonging to the Roma minority for the period of 2012-2020', aimed at correcting the existing forms of social and economic disadvantages of the Roma minority.

4. In line with the Romanian government's continuous efforts to promote and protect the human rights of minority groups, my delegation wishes to propose the following recommendations for the consideration of Romania:

4.1 to continue conducting more awareness and sensitizations programmes regarding minority groups with the aim to changing the stereotype and negative perception of these groups in the long run; and

4.2 to continue its efforts in eradicating poverty, with a focus to addressing the issue of inadequate housing affecting minority groups in the country.

I thank you Mr. President.

GENEVA
22 JANUARY 2013