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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of the United Arab Emirates
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of the United Arab Emirates, led by H.E. Dr. Anwar Mohammd Gargash, to the 15th Session of the UPR Working Group and thank them for the presentation of its national report.

2. My delegation notes positively the significant progress in the promotion and protection of human rights, particularly on the strengthening of its domestic legislative and institutional frameworks, that the UAE has achieved since its first UPR review.

3. Malaysia lauds the UAE's efforts in its human rights awareness-raising programme; the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children; and the development of its rural areas. Malaysia further commends the UAE on its accession to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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

- 4.1. to continue its positive approach towards the establishment of a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles; and
- 4.2. to continue enhancing its efforts on strengthening women's rights through its National Strategy for the Advancement of Women 2013 – 2017.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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