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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Cameroon, led by H.E. Mr. Pierre Moukoko Mbongo to the 16th Session of the UPR Working Group and we thank them for the presentation of its national report.

2. During Cameroon's first UPR review, Malaysia made recommendations relating to combating violence against women, rights of the child and addressing the issue of poverty. We are encouraged to note that those recommendations were accepted by Cameroon and much progress has been made in those areas. Progress has also been made in the areas of education, health, right to food and the right of persons with disabilities.

3. We commend Cameroon for the adoption of its Growth and Employment Strategy Paper in 2010 that highlights the guarantee of individual rights and civil liberties. Cameroon's move to commence the validation process of its National Action Plan for Human Rights Promotion and Protection would further strengthen the human rights agenda of its people.

4. My delegation is also appreciative with Cameroon's sincerity in highlighting the challenges it faces. We are confident that the Government of Cameroon has the will to overcome those challenges.

5. In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation would like to make the following two recommendations for the consideration of the delegation of Cameroon:

5.1. one: to continue its positive approach in further promoting the welfare and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities with a view of improving their living conditions; and

5.2. two: to further enhance its efforts in promoting gender equality, as well as combating all forms of gender-based violence.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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