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**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**  
**Review of Canada**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council**  
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Canada led by H.E. Ms. Elissa Goldberg to the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group and we thank them for the presentation of its national report.

2. My delegation commends the Government of Canada on its efforts to deepen the knowledge of its public servants on Canada's commitment in the promotion and protection of human rights.

3. During Canada's first UPR review, Malaysia made recommendations relating to the prevention of racially motivated acts against the Muslim, indigenous and minority communities and the enhancement of the national homelessness programme.

4. While appreciating that efforts and progress have been made, we also note that challenges on those areas remain. We encourage Canada to further enhance its efforts in addressing those issues.

5. In this regard, my delegation would like to propose the following three recommendations for the consideration of Canada:

- 5.1. to step up its measures to combat racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia especially against the Muslim, indigenous and minority communities in the country;
- 5.2. to further enhance its efforts in social protection and security for people living in poverty such as considering formulating the necessary anti-poverty and homelessness strategies; and
- 5.3. to take strong measures in addressing the concern raised by the Committee on the Rights of the Child on the lack of prevention of child sexual exploitation.

I thank you, Mr. President.

**GENEVA**  
**26 April 2013**