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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Cape Verde
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Cape Verde, led by HE MR. JOSE CARLOS LOPES to the 16th Session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for their CORREIA presentation of its national report.

2. Despite facing the impact of the international financial and economic crisis, my delegation is particularly impressed with the achievement and significant progress in the improvement of the human rights of its people that Cape Verde has made since its first review in 2009. We commend the efforts that the Government has put in advancing its human rights agenda by giving special attention to the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, women's rights as well as that of the vulnerable groups. We are further appreciative of the updates provided by Cape Verde on the implementation of its 50 accepted recommendations.

3. My delegation fully supports the request by Cape Verde in paragraph 153 of its national report for funding by the OHCHR to enable Cape Verde to continue implementing its national policies and programmes on human rights.

4. We acknowledge the various challenges faced by Cape Verde in upholding the fundamental freedoms of its people and are fully confident that Cape Verde would do its utmost to address 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 Cape Verde:

- i) To continue giving its utmost attention to the advancement of the rights of the child, in particular efforts to prevent and eliminate the worst forms of child labour; and
- ii) To continue efforts to strengthen its *new statute of the CNADH* ~~national human rights institution~~, in accordance with the Paris Principles.

I thank you, Mr President.

GENEVA
23 April 2013