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**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Germany**

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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Germany, led by HE _____ to the 16th Session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for their presentation of its national report.

Malaysia notes the continued progress achieved by Germany in the protection and promotion of human rights, after the review of its first UPR in 2009. We note that Germany has adopted several measures at the regional and international level to promote good practices in addressing the problem of racism, xenophobia and hate crimes. However, while taking into account the current action plan outlined by the Government, we view that more could be done to improve the human rights situation in the country.

In this regard, while encouraging Germany to continue its commitment to promote and protect human rights of its people, my delegation would like to make the following **three** recommendations:

one: to enhance its efforts in to prevent racially motivated acts of violence against Muslims and other minorities and to punish the perpetrators of such crimes;

two: to put to an end to the use of discriminatory ethnic profiling by inserting the necessary legal safeguards against the abuse and deliberate targeting of certain ethnic and religious groups; and

three: to step up its efforts to prohibit and prevent hate speech and racist propaganda, including on the internet, and to increase public awareness on this issue.

Thank you.