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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Russia
16th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Russia, led by HE Mr. Alexander Kononov to the 16th Session of the UPR Working Group and we thank them for the presentation of its national report.

2. Malaysia notes positively Russia's continuous efforts and commitment to uphold and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, including by becoming party to a number of international human rights instruments in the past few years. In particular, Malaysia commends Russia's move to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to sign the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and pornography.

3. Furthermore, Malaysia also notes that measures have been undertaken by Russia aimed at achieving harmonious inter-ethnic relations, humanization of criminal and criminal procedure legislation and broadening of legislative means for civil society in the process of decision making, as well as improving the welfare of the population through designing and carrying out national strategy for social security. We encourage Russia to continue its positive steps and measures in these areas.

4. We also recommend Russia to consider developing an inter-religious dialogue mechanism with a view to promote tolerance and respect on distinctive religious and cultural values of the different ethnic groups in the country.

Thank you.

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