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**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**  
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**Human Rights Council**  
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Uzbekistan, led by His Excellency **DR. AKMAL SAIDOV** to the 16<sup>th</sup> UPR Session. We thank the delegation for their detailed presentation of its national report.

2. My delegation welcomes the achievements and progress that Uzbekistan has made since its first review in 2009 to improve the human rights situation in the country, particularly in the areas of education, health, the advancement of women's and children's rights, and the reform and improvement of its judicial and legal system, among others.

3. We note positively the serious efforts undertaken by the Government to instil human rights values in its younger citizens by introducing educational programmes and activities in schools, in tertiary education as well as after graduation. These long-term investments would indeed advance the well-being of its people in the field of human rights. Similarly, significant efforts have also been made to effectively prevent and combat trafficking in persons, especially of women and children, which we commend and fully support.

4. To further encourage these extremely good efforts, my delegation would like to make the following **two** recommendations:

- i) one: to provide adequate financial and human resources towards the promotion of the right to education and that of the rights of the child, as a whole; and
- ii) two: to take further efforts to promote and protect women's rights, including measures to prevent and combat trafficking in women.

Mr. President,

5. My delegation appreciates the frankness of the Government in acknowledging the fact that there remain numerous challenges and difficulties in its efforts to further promote and protect the human rights of its people. We nevertheless firmly believe that Uzbekistan will do its utmost to continuously improve the human rights situation in the country.

I thank you, Mr President.

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