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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
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Thank you Mr. President,

My delegation has listened carefully to the statement delivered by the delegation of Israel. We regret that the national report was not submitted to the Secretariat in advance for our consideration. We further regret that the delegation had failed and blatantly refused to present its report to the Working Group as scheduled earlier in March of this year. These calculated actions have clearly undermined the universality and periodicity of the UPR.

2. Malaysia regrets that Israel has continuously violated the human rights of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples as a consequence of its illegal, unlawful and immoral occupation of the Occupied Territories. We further deeply regret that the human rights of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples are violated and trampled on a daily basis and the humanitarian situation in the Occupied Territories remains dire, with no progress or improvement at all for the past six decades. It is indeed shameful to note that the situation on the ground has in fact worsened.

3. My delegation makes the following recommendations:

- i) one: To end its illegal and unlawful occupation of all Palestinian and Arab Territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem;
- ii) two: To recognise and respect the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination;
- iii) three: To fully implement its obligation under international law, including international human rights law and international humanitarian law, in particular the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, relating to the treatment of non-combatants; and
- iv) four: To immediately lift the on-going regime of military closures imposed on the occupied Gaza Strip and guarantee unrestricted access of good and individuals in and out of the Gaza Strip; and
- v) five: To fully restore the rights and dignity of the Palestinian people, including their rights to life, to live in dignity, adequate food, housing, health, education, as well as their freedom of movement.

I thank you.

GENEVA
29 October 2013