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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia warmly welcomes the delegation of Jordan, led by His Excellency Mohammad Hussein Al-Momani to the 17th Session of the UPR Working Group. We thank them for the presentation of their national report.

2. During Jordan's first UPR review, Malaysia made recommendations, among others, for Jordan to continue its efforts in poverty eradication so as to ensure the achievement of its Millennium Development Goals (MDG1) target by 2015. We are appreciative that our recommendations were accepted then, and laud Jordan for the significant efforts it has made in achieving its MDG target. As testament to Jordan's achievements, the country has been selected to be among the 65 states to prepare a post-2015 millennium agenda.

3. We also note positively Jordan's on-going democratization process and continuous efforts in embracing human rights in its various national policies and development programmes. In particular, we laud Jordan for the advancements it has made in empowering women in the economic field as well as in the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities.

4. In this regard and in the spirit of cooperative engagement, my delegation would like to make the following **two** recommendations:

- i) one: to continue its measures in fostering women's advancement including intensifying efforts to increase the number of women in decision-making posts; and
- ii) two: to further intensify its efforts to raise the living standards of persons with disabilities, in particular to support their right to social inclusion and self-reliance.

I thank you.

GENEVA
24 October 2013