

Statement by the delegation of Afghanistan

2nd Cycle of UPR, Malaysia

Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the high level delegation of Malaysia and appreciates the elaborate presentation of their National Report.

Afghanistan commends the friendly Government of Malaysia for implementing the recommendations it had accepted during the first cycle of UPR. It appreciates the steps taken by the Government of Malaysia toward promotion and protection of human rights particularly, in regards to the Rights to health, women and children's' right as well as the rights of people with disabilities. We likewise, take note of positives steps taken for the better implementation of CEDAW, eradication of poverty and Rights to education.

Mr. President,

Malaysia continues to be a transit and destination country for refugees, asylum seekers, stateless and undocumented persons; we commend its ongoing cooperation with the relevant international organizations such as UNHCR and IOM. This is despite the fact that the country is not a party to the 1951 Convention on Refugees.

In conclusion Afghanistan has the following two recommendations:

- Consider improving existing administrative frameworks to better manage and process refugees and asylum seekers in the country.
- Continue to speed up its efforts towards the accession to the Rome Statute.

Thank you,