

**17<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group: Review of Malaysia**  
**Statement by Amb. Daw Penjo, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom**  
**of Bhutan on 24 October 2013.**

Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Malaysia to this session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for the detailed presentation of their National Report and commend the transparent manner in which the report was prepared involving all relevant stakeholders.

Bhutan would like to congratulate Malaysia for the significant progress achieved in the implementation of many recommendations made during its last review. In particular, we note the establishment of numerous legislative framework and institutional mechanisms to protect the right of the most vulnerable group, such as women, children and persons with disabilities. In this regard, adoption of the National Plan of Action for the advancement of Women (2009-2014) and accession to the two Optional Protocols to the CRC, are highly commendable. We also commend the measures Malaysia has taken to increase access to Early Childhood Care and Education, and development of an inclusive education system for students with special education needs.

In conclusion, Bhutan would like to recommend that the Government of Malaysia continue its efforts in fostering cooperation with its neighbours to address the problem of trafficking in women and children.

I thank you, Mr. President