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Statement by the delegation of Cambodia for UPR of Malaysia

At the 17th Session of the UPR WG of the HRC

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Mr. President,

1 Cambodia warmly welcomes the delegation of Malaysia, led by H.E. Ms. Dato' Ho Yong, Deputy Secretary-General, Multilateral Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the 17th Session of the UPR process. We also congratulate the delegation for the presentation of its National Report at this UPR Session.

2 As a fellow member of ASEAN, Cambodia appreciates the efforts and progress made by the Government of Malaysia to advance the human rights in the country in various fields. We welcome the country to become a party to three core international human rights instruments, (namely the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)).

3 We also welcome several steps and measures taken by the Government with respect to implementation of its relevant national Plans and its two supplemented policy initiatives launched in 2010, (namely the Government Transformation Program (GTP) and the Economic Transformation Program -ETP)) along with the efforts in strengthening the integrity of the Malaysian judiciary.

4 As a multi-cultural and ethnic society, Malaysia is one of most advanced industrial countries of ASEAN. Also, in the context of ASEAN framework, Malaysia is one of strong proponents of anti-trafficking in person. We are pleased to learn of the Government success in eradicating hard core poverty in 2010 and in reducing the incidence of poverty to 1.7% in 2012.

5 My delegation wishes to make the following recommendations for Malaysia:

-to continue its efforts to eradicate poverty and uplift the standards of living for all Malaysian people with more focus on the vulnerable and disadvantaged groups of people (such as women, children, persons with disabilities, migrants and ethnic minorities,) through the effective implementation of the current Malaysia relevant Plans, (including GTP).

- to continue the efforts and cooperation in combatting trafficking in persons in regional frameworks along with the share of the country's positive experience in this field.

Thank you, Mr. President!