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Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the Malaysian delegation and thanks them for the comprehensive presentation of their UPR report, highlighting progressive update on the implementation of the accepted recommendations emanating from the first UPR report in 2009.

Indonesia congratulates Malaysia for its robust and extensive socio-economic policies, particularly in poverty-eradication sector. Malaysia's achievement on poverty reduction target of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) well ahead of schedule is a solid proof that deserves our appreciation.

Mr. President,

My delegation appreciates the peaceful 13th General Elections last May in Malaysia and the democratic measures taken by relevant authorities, in handling complaints on the conduct and outcome of the elections toward the improvement of the transparency of the election process.

We take note with appreciation the exemplary measures taken by the Malaysian Government in following-up various recommendations from the UPR mechanism. The repeal of much criticised ISA last year is commendable. In this regard, **Indonesia recommends that Malaysia continue its efforts to further enhance the exercise and enjoyment of civil and political rights, including the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly in the country.**

Indonesia takes note various positive measures on efforts to protect the rights and to enhance the safety and welfare of foreign workers working in Malaysia, including through establishing guidelines on employment and signing a number of agreements with source countries. As country of origin of millions of migrant workers in the country, **Indonesia recommends Malaysia to step up its efforts in this regard, particularly to secure better working conditions for domestic workers and better protection for those undocumented migrants.**

In conclusion Mr. President, as fellow ASEAN country, my delegation extends our best wishes to the People and Government of Malaysia in the furtherance of their endeavors in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

I thank you.