



5A
91

**Statement by Mr Elias J. Zimba, Minister Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Mission of Mozambique to the United Nations
17th Session of the Working Group on UPR
Malaysia Report**

Thank you Mr President for giving me the floor,

Mr President,

Mozambique would like to join the previous speakers in expressing to most warm welcome to the delegation of Malaysia to the Second cycle of its country Universal Periodic Review led by His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Mozambique commends Malaysia for the presentation of an excellent and insightful Report.

It is meaningful to note that Malaysia registered remarkable achievements in many fields of Human Rights since the 1st cycle of Universal Periodic Review.

Mozambique wishes to praise Malaysia for having achieved its Millennium Development Goals (MDG) target of reducing poverty well ahead of its schedule.

The Government of Malaysia has been successful in its efforts to eradicate poverty and uplift the living standards of the poor. This is evident by the Government's success in eradicating hard core poverty in 2010 and in reducing the incidence of poverty to 1.7% in 2012.

The Government of Malaysia has embarked on a number of initiatives and programmes to further expedite the poverty eradication process. This include the 1AZAM (Ending Poverty Era), BR1M (1Malaysia Grants), PR1MA (1Malaysia People's Housing)

In its efforts to uplift the living standards of all Malaysians, the Government has introduced a number of programmes, including 1Malaysia Clinics and 1Malaysia people's Grocery (KR1M).

The Government of Malaysia has in place the Anti-Trafficking in Persons and Anti-Smuggling of Migrants Act (ATIPSOM) 2007, amended in 2010, to give better effect to the law against human trafficking.

Malaysia has also made significant progress in improving the protection element of its anti-TiP efforts. A policy decision has been made to allow TiP victims to take up employment in the country after completion of their Protection Order.

Malaysia has also concluded Agreements and MoUs with several countries in combating transnational crime. The agreements allow Malaysia to work collectively with its strategic partners in combating transnational crime, including the trafficking of persons.

Mozambique would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Recommends the Government of Malaysia to continues its efforts to eradicate poverty and uplift the standards of living for all Malaysians including through ensuring effective implementation of the Government Transformation Program (GTP) strategies.

2. Recommends the Government of Malaysia to initiate programmes and initiatives designed to build the capacities of the poor through training and education and by providing opportunities so as to make them less dependent on direct Government aid.

3. Recommends the Government of Malaysia to further enhance its efforts to combat the transnational crime of trafficking in persons.

4. Recommends the Government of Malaysia to allocate more resources to ensure the effective implementation of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons and Anti-Smuggling of Migrants Act (ATIPSOM) 2007.

5. Recommends the Government of Malaysia to continue to strengthen collaboration with the regional and international mechanism relating to anti-trafficking in person.

6. Recommends the Government of Malaysia to strengthen the cooperation with NGOs in the area of protection of victims of trafficking in persons.

I wish the delegation of Malaysia a successful Universal Periodic Review.

I thank you.

Geneva 24 October 2013

