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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Malaysia
17th Session of the UPR Working Group
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Madam Vice President,

My delegation warmly welcomes H.E. Ms. Dato' Ho May Yong for presentation of a balanced and objective second national report.

We highly appreciate the constructive engagement of the Malaysian Government with the review mechanism through implementation of majority of the recommendations received during its first cycle of the UPR.

The enormous strides made by Malaysia in promotion of people-oriented programmes and initiatives is commendable. We support the positive steps taken by the government in connection with domestic legislative reforms, healthcare, poverty alleviation, housing, gender parity, women empowerment and provision of free education at both primary and secondary levels.

We recommend Malaysia to:

- a. Continue to prioritize and facilitate funding access for prospective and eligible students from poor and low-income families to pursue higher/tertiary education;
- b. Ensure that affordable healthcare and medicines remain available to all Malaysians, especially for those residing in the interior and remote areas of the country.

I thank you.