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**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**  
**Review of Saudi Arabia**  
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia warmly welcomes the delegation of Saudi Arabia, led by His Excellency \_\_\_\_\_ to the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group, and thanks them for their ~~detailed~~ presentation of its national report.

2. My delegation has listened very carefully to ~~the~~ Saudi Arabia's ~~report~~ endeavours in the field of human rights at the national, regional and international levels. We welcome the achievements and progress ~~that~~ it has made in promoting women's rights and the rights of the child, especially in the areas of education. We further laud the strong commitment shown by the government in protecting integrity and fighting corruption that has led to the establishment of the NACC in 2011, and the subsequent ratification of the UNCAC earlier this year.

3. As host to more than 7 million Muslim pilgrims from various backgrounds and ~~the~~ nationalities each year, my delegation greatly appreciates and commends Saudi Arabia's tireless efforts to further improving and protecting the rights of persons performing the *hajj* and *umrah* in the country.

4. My delegation would like to make the following **two** recommendations:

- i) one: to intensify efforts to promote the principle of transparency in their endeavour to combat corruption; and
- ii) two: to continue its tremendous efforts to improve the level of protection and services provided for pilgrims.

I thank you.

**GENEVA**  
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