



STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Senegal
17th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Senegal, led by H.E. _____, to the 17th Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of its national report.

2. During Senegal's first review, Malaysia made recommendations in the areas of child labour, poverty eradication, reducing unemployment and access to education, among others. My delegation notes positively that these recommendations were accepted, and that significant progress in those areas has been made by Senegal since its first UPR review. In particular, my delegation lauds Senegal's efforts in combating poverty through strategies such as promoting the modernization of agriculture, addressing the issue of street children through its National Strategy for Social Protection, as well as developing the necessary programmes to improve its education sector.

3. My delegation is pleased to note that Senegal has also made significant development in the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities with the enactment of the Social Policy Act in July 2010, which provides the basis for an improved public policy for persons with disabilities. Furthermore, my delegation applauds Senegal's continuous efforts in promoting good governance and implementing projects focused on improving the well-being of its people in every sphere of economic and social life including through the formulation of its Poverty Reduction Strategy and National Strategy for Economic and Social Development.

4. While progress in the promotion and protection of human rights has been made, Malaysia also notes that Senegal is still faced with challenges and difficulties as highlighted in its national report. In this regard, in the spirit of constructive engagement and cooperation, my delegation would like to make the following **two** recommendations for the consideration of Senegal:

- 4.1. to continue its positive approach in combating poverty through providing the necessary public investment in rural infrastructure and its national employment policy to reduce unemployment; and

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- 4.2. to continue its efforts in strengthening the education system including to consider and implement the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur on the right to education to further promote the right to education for all in Senegal.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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