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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Afghanistan, led by H.E. _____, to the 18th Session of the UPR Working Group and thank them for the presentation of its national report.

2. My delegation notes positively the significant developments and improvements on human rights that have been achieved by Afghanistan since its first UPR review. During Afghanistan's first review, Malaysia made recommendations regarding the condition of detainees and prohibiting recruitment or use of children in conflicts.
3. My delegation is pleased to note that Malaysia's recommendations were accepted by Afghanistan and that significant efforts have been made in those areas as highlighted in its national report. These include the strengthening of its domestic legislation, human rights awareness programmes and training, as well as capacity-building measures for its law enforcement officials.
4. Malaysia notes the challenges faced by Afghanistan and hopes that the country will continue its efforts in improving the human rights situations in the country. In the spirit of constructive engagement and cooperation, my delegation would like to make the following two recommendations for the consideration of Afghanistan:
 - 4.1. to continue its measures in eliminating discrimination against women through the implementation of its Law on the Elimination of Violence against Women; and
 - 4.2. to step-up its efforts in the protection of the rights of children, including continuing its measures in combating violence against children.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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