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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of the Kingdom of Cambodia
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia warmly welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, led by H.E. Mr. Mak Sambath, to the 18th Session of the UPR Working Group and thank them for the presentation of its national report.

2. My delegation commends the significant achievements made by Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights since its first UPR review. Malaysia lauds Cambodia for its ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in 2012 and the achievements it has made in the areas of legal and judicial reforms, anti-corruption measures and education, among others.

3. During Cambodia's first review, Malaysia made recommendations related to the empowerment of women and combating the trafficking in persons. My delegation is pleased to note that progress has been made in those areas. Nevertheless, as highlighted in its national report, my delegation also notes that Cambodia is still faced with challenges in the promotion and protection of human rights of its people.

4. In the spirit of constructive engagement and cooperation, my delegation would like to make the following two recommendations for the consideration of Cambodia:

- 4.1. to continue the positive steps it has undertaken to establish a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) based on the Paris Principles; and
- 4.2. to intensify its efforts to achieve the national goals for poverty reduction, food security and socio-economic development, including through land management reforms.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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