



**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**  
**Review of Cyprus**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council**  
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Cyprus to the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group and thank them for the presentation of their national report.

2. My delegation appreciates the update made by Cyprus on the promotion and protection of human rights in the country as well as on the implementation of the recommendations received in 2009. We note that Cyprus has undertaken various legislative and institutional measures to further promote and protect human rights in the country since its first UPR.

3. We laud Cyprus' efforts to combat trafficking in persons through the adoption of its National Action Plan Against Trafficking of Human Beings 2010-2012 and various anti-trafficking policies. We encourage Cyprus to continue its efforts in this area. We also note with appreciation the commitment made by Cyprus to continue working on human rights education and awareness as mentioned in paragraph 109 of its national report.

4. While progress has been made, my delegation notes that challenges remain on the issues of, inter alia, employment, housing, transport and cultural activities of the persons with disabilities and minorities. In this regard, my delegation wishes to make the following **three** recommendations for the consideration of Cyprus:

- 4.1. **One:** To ensure that children with disabilities are able to exercise their right to education and to provide their inclusion in the mainstream education system;
- 4.2. **Two:** To increase awareness-raising programmes and campaigns to promote tolerance and respect for cultural diversity in schools as well as in society; and
- 4.3. **Three:** To ensure the full independence of the Office of the Ombudsman so that it is fully compliant with the Paris Principles.

Thank you, Mr. President.

**GENEVA**  
**4 February 2014**