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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Yemen
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Yemen, led by H.E. Ms. Hooria Mashhoor Ahmed to the 18th Session of the UPR Working Group and thank them for the presentation of its national report.

2. During Yemen's first review, Malaysia made recommendations relating to poverty eradication, education, gender equality and human rights awareness, to name a few. My delegation is appreciative that those recommendations were accepted, and that significant progress has been made in those areas. Malaysia notes that the Government of Yemen had drawn up the Transitional Programme for Stabilization and Development 2012-2014 to stabilize the political, security and economic situation and to promote the State-building process during the transitional period.

3. My delegation also notes positively that Yemen has undertaken efforts to establish an independent National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) in conformity with the Paris Principles. We further laud Yemen's efforts to develop the National Human Rights Strategy and other various national programmes and strategies to further improve the well-being of its people in all sectors. We are confident that the Government will be able to implement those strategies in order to achieve its national development goals to further promote and protect the human rights of its people.

4. While recognising the various challenges faced by Yemen as highlighted in its national report, we recommend Yemen to continue its positive efforts in promoting and protecting the human rights of its people and wish the delegation all the best in its UPR process.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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