

Statement
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Mr. President,

The Lao delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Brunei Darussalam led by H.E. Pahin Dato Lim Jock Seng, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam to the 19th Session of the UPR Working Group and would like to thank for a comprehensive UPR National Report.

My delegation notes with appreciation that, since the last UPR, Brunei Darussalam has accepted a large number of recommendations and has taken necessary steps to implement those recommendations. My delegation also takes note that Brunei Darussalam has become a party to a number of international conventions, and has introduced, enforced and amended many national legal instruments, relating to the promotion and protection of human rights.

The Lao PDR welcomes a steady progress in the country's achievement of the MDGs, with almost all of the targets had already been reached. We also commend the efforts made by Brunei Darussalam to protect and safeguard the rights of children, women and people with disabilities through, among others, the improvement of access to free medical and health care services, housing system, quality education and greater opportunities for women in the workforce and politics.

In this regard, my delegation wishes to recommend for consideration by the Government of Brunei Darussalam to continue to meet the basic needs of venerable groups in the country, especially women, children, elderly and persons with disabilities; and to continue its exemplary efforts to improve the living standards of the people, particularly in ensuring their access to the quality of health care services and education. We wish Brunei Darussalam success in its Second Cycle of UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President.