

## STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA Review of Brunei Darussalam 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council 28 April – 9 May 2014

Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Brunei Darussalam led by The Hon. Pehin Dato' Lim Jock Seng to the UPR Working Group and we thank them for the presentation of their national report.

- 2. My delegation appreciates the progress Brunei Darussalam has made since its first Review and on the implementation of the accepted recommendations. At its first review, we are pleased that our recommendation focusing on strengthening of national institutions were accepted and various efforts have been made to achieve that end.
- 3. We also wish to congratulate Brunei Darussalam for its success in meeting the target of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and for progress made in the promotion and protection of the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities through the implementation of various policies, programmes and plans of action.
- 4. In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation would like to make the following **two** recommendations for the consideration of Brunei Darussalam:
  - 4.1. **First**: To continue promoting the rights of children, particularly in guaranteeing their access to quality education, so as to ensure that they would be able to enter the workforce with the necessary skills; and
  - 4.2. **Second**: To continue its efforts in training and capacity-building programmes for government and law enforcement officials in order to strengthen the efficiency of the promotion and protection of human rights within the existing laws and policies.
- 5. In concluding Mr. President, my delegation would like to wish Brunei Darussalam every success in its future endeavors.

Thank you.

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