



**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**  
**Review of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea**  
**19<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 the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. My delegation notes with appreciation the consultative approach undertaken by Equatorial Guinea with regard to its UPR process, updating the progress made in the areas of human rights thus far and highlighting the implementations of the accepted recommendations from its first Review.

3. We further note that, although Equatorial Guinea has yet to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CPRD), efforts have been made to improve the situation of persons with disabilities in the country. We take positive note on the creation of the Special Service for persons with disabilities in the National Social Security Institute which works on the welfare and the effective integration of the persons with disabilities into the social security system. In light of this positive effort, my delegation would like to **recommend** Equatorial Guinea to consider ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the future.

4. My delegation also notes that Equatorial Guinea has undertaken various efforts to address the issue of trafficking in persons such as through awareness raising programmes and training activities. Nevertheless, we believe that there is still room for improvement and **recommend** Equatorial Guinea to continue intensifying its efforts to combat trafficking in persons including adopting a regulatory framework to address the exploitation of women and children.

5. In conclusion, my delegation wishes Equatorial Guinea every success in its second UPR process.

Thank you, Mr. President.

**GENEVA**  
**5 May 2014**