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

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Nicaragua to the 19th Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. My delegation appreciates Nicaragua for its updates on the progress made on the implementation of the accepted recommendations emanating from its first Review. We also appreciate that our recommendations during Nicaragua's first Review pertaining to the issue of poverty eradication, administration of justice, education and capacity-building efforts have been accepted by Nicaragua, and that significant achievements have been made in those areas.

3. In particular, we commend Nicaragua's achievement in the reduction of general and extreme poverty in recent years. It is also noteworthy that Nicaragua has been recognized by the 2013 FAO Conference for meeting the goal established at the 1996 World Food Summit to halve the number of undernourished persons by 2015, ahead of time. We encourage Nicaragua to continue its positive efforts in the fight against poverty and extreme poverty.

4. In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation would like to present the following **two** recommendations for the consideration of Nicaragua:

4.1. **One:** to step-up its measures in the area of promoting the right to education by continuing efforts aimed at improving the quality of education and increasing the coverage of secondary and technical education; and

4.2. **Two:** to continue its efforts in building the capacities of the health and social services sectors with the aim of providing necessary care for persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities.

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

Thank you, Mr. President.

GENEVA
7 May 2014