



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

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Norway to the 19th session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council. We thank them for their presentation of the national report.

2. Malaysia notes with appreciation the open and frank approach taken by the Norwegian Government in presenting their national report; updating the progress made since its first UPR review and highlighting the challenges that the Government is facing to further the cause of human rights of its people. My delegation acknowledges the measures taken by the government in their efforts to set up its new NHRI which has begun consultation since 2013. We would like to know what is the next plan of action and whether a timetable has been set to move this process forward.

3. We also note the key national priorities that the Government has set forth in their human rights agenda, based on the challenges and constraints that Norway is currently facing, and in this regard encourage them to implement it.

4. Malaysia wishes to make the following **three** recommendations:

- 4.1. One: to further its efforts in addressing ethnic and racial profiling, particularly in stop and search operations carried out by police and customs and immigration officials;
- 4.2. Two: to speed up efforts to establish a NHRI in accordance with the Paris Principles and to provide sufficient resources for it to be effective; and
- 4.3. Three: to address the wage-gap by further strengthening measures in ensuring that women and men receive equal pay for work of equal value.

I thank you.

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