



STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Portugal
19th Session of the UPR Working Group of the
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Thank you Mr. President,

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

2. Malaysia appreciates the update on the progress made by the Government of Portugal on the implementation of the recommendations received during its first UPR review. We welcome the establishment of the Portuguese National Human Rights Committee (PNHRC) in 2010 and are encouraged with the work it has done so far, particularly in coordinating and sharing of information on human rights issues within the Portuguese Public Administration and other relevant stakeholders. We also note positively the comprehensive human rights policy instruments adopted by the Government and encourage the government to implement the programmes that it has outlined.

3. My delegation is further encouraged by the measures that have been put in place by Portugal, as highlighted in its national report, to combat trafficking in persons and to protect the victims of such crimes, with a particular emphasis on child victims.

4. In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation would like to propose the following **two** recommendations to Portugal:

4.1. One: to further consolidate its efforts to combat the trafficking in persons; and

4.2. Two: to mitigate the effects of the financial crisis on its efforts to address the issues of child poverty and children living in streets.

I thank you.

GENEVA
30 April 2014