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

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Angola to the 20th Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. My delegation appreciates Angola for its openness and consultative approach with regard to its UPR process. We commend Angola for the achievements made and efforts undertaken to further promote and protect human rights in the country since its first Review.

3. During Angola's first Review, my delegation had made recommendations relating to combating trafficking in women and girls, child protection and poverty reduction, among others. We are pleased to note that our recommendations were accepted by Angola and significant progress has been made in those areas. In particular, Angola's adoption of its Strategy for the Prevention and Combating of Violence against Children in 2011 as a response to all forms of violence against children in the country is praiseworthy. Taking into account of this development, we would like to **recommend** Angola to continue its positive efforts in giving due attention to the issue of violence against children by ensuring effective implementation of the said Strategy.

4. We also note that significant achievement has been made in the area of education. Various efforts have been made to reduce illiteracy and that students' enrolment has risen from 2.2 million in 2001 to 7.4 million in 2013. Taking note of this progress, we would like to **recommend** Angola to continue its positive measures to realize the right to education of its citizens including to raise awareness about the importance of women's and girl's education among its population.

5. In conclusion, my delegation wishes Angola every success in its second cycle UPR.

Thank you, Mr. President.

GENEVA
30 October 2014