



STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Bosnia and Herzegovina
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, led by His Excellency Mr. Miladin Dragicevic, to the 20th Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. My delegation appreciates Bosnia and Herzegovina for the updates on the implementation of the accepted recommendations and the progress made in the field of human rights since its first Review. During Bosnia and Herzegovina's first cycle UPR, my delegation made recommendations relating to, inter alia, preventing the incidents of trafficking and domestic violence, poverty eradication, primary education and gender equality. We are pleased to note that those recommendations were accepted by Bosnia and Herzegovina and that significant achievements have been made in those areas.

3. In particular, we commend the adoption of the new law on Social Protection which resulted in an improvement on the status of the most vulnerable groups of the population. We encourage Bosnia and Herzegovina to continue this positive effort with the aim to further strengthening its social protection for vulnerable groups. We also note the progress made in harmonising the normative-legal frameworks in the prevention and combating of domestic violence with international standards. Noteworthy also are the efforts that have been made in the area of human trafficking through the strengthening of preventive activities and the establishment of standards for the protection of victims of human trafficking, among others.

4. In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation would like to propose the following **two** recommendations for the consideration of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- 4.1. **One:** to continue its positive measures in combating domestic violence including by ensuring effective investigation of domestic violence cases, bringing the perpetrators to justice and providing victims with the necessary assistance and protection; and
- 4.2. **Two:** to step-up its measures in combating poverty including by providing adequate funds for its social protection system and its national employment strategy to reduce unemployment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

GENEVA
5 November 2014