



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

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

2. My delegation appreciates Egypt's openness and engagement in the UPR process. Egypt is one of the leaders of the Muslim and the Arab World. As a friendly country it pains us deeply to see the turbulent socio-political development that had happened in a great country like Egypt over the last two years.

3. We appreciate the difficulties faced by the government and we also understand the hopes of the people. We know that the government is trying very hard and in a sincere way to bring back political stability to Egypt so that the people could live in peace and the economy of Egypt can recover and prosper. However, we are also afraid that maybe under the surface discontentment is still festering. We are therefore very hopeful that the measures taken by the government would be sustainable.

4. We have no magic remedy to the problems of Egypt. We view the issue of Egypt as a fundamental one and can only begin to be solved with the settling of this fundamental question. In this regard, we recommend Egypt to continue together finding the path back to the place where the full respect for human rights can be found. We further recommend Egypt to promote dialogue between all sides to foster understanding and unity.

5. To achieve these, all sides need to not only talk to but also listen to each other. Sincere compromises must be made by all sides. All sides must understand that peace, unity and stability for Egypt is vital before effort to recover the economy can begin. We fear that without the recovery of its economy Egypt will remain in a vicious circle of instability and suffering.

Thank you, Mr. President.

GENEVA
5 November 2014