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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
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Thank you Mr. President,

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

2. My delegation appreciates the consultative approach adopted by El Salvador with regard to its UPR process. We commend El Salvador for the progress made in the promotion and protection of human rights as well as the efforts undertaken in implementing the accepted recommendations emanating from its first Review. We note positively the various legislative measures undertaken by El Salvador including, inter alia, the adoption of Special Comprehensive Act on a Violence-Free Life for Women in 2010, the Child and Adolescent Protection Act in 2009 and the Act on Social Development and Protection in 2014.

3. We are also encouraged to note that all three recommendations made by the Malaysian delegation during El Salvador's first Review were accepted and that significant achievements have been made in the areas of healthcare services, rights of children with disabilities, public safety and social development. In particular, we note positively that El Salvador has adopted new legal instruments to combat crime and corruption; made continuous efforts to combat poverty and social exclusion through the development of the Universal Social Protection System; and put in place a system based on community family health teams through the Comprehensive and Integrated Health-Service Networks component.

4. Taking stock of the progress made since its first Review, my delegation would like to encourage El Salvador to continue its positive efforts in further promoting and protecting the human rights of its population. In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation would like to present the following two recommendations for the consideration of El Salvador:

- 4.1. **One:** to step-up its measures in promoting and protecting the right of children living in rural areas including through ensuring equal access to education between children living in urban and rural areas; and
- 4.2. **Two:** to continue its efforts in providing necessary care for persons with disabilities including children with disabilities.

5. In conclusion, my delegation wishes El Salvador every success in its second UPR process.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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