



STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Islamic Republic of Iran
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia warmly welcomes the delegation of Iran led by His Excellency Larijani to the UPR Working Group Session and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. Malaysia appreciates the update by Iran on the progress made on the implementation of the accepted recommendations received during its first review. In particular, we commend Iran for its tremendous efforts in enacting and amending various laws and legislation on human rights, as well as establishing new mechanisms to oversee issues relating to women's and children's rights. We laud Iran for the implementation of its Fifth Development Plan (2011-2015) that is aimed to promote and protect the rights of its people. In this regard, we welcome the achievements and progress that the Government has made in the areas of education, health and social services.

3. In 2010, Malaysia recommended Iran to explore the possibility of seeking accreditation of its High Council for Human Rights as Iran's NHRI. We once again encourage Iran to redouble its efforts to establish a NHRI in conformity with the Paris Principles.

4. Malaysia understands the particular challenges confronting Iran in its efforts to promote and protect the human rights of its people. We nevertheless believe that Iran will do its utmost to continuously improve the human rights situation in the country.

5. In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation would like to propose the following **two** recommendations for the consideration of Iran:

5.1. **One:** to continue efforts for greater representation of women in the political process and their participation in public life; and

5.2. **Two:** to continue its efforts to bridge the gaps in the field of education in the remote areas.

I thank you.

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31 October 2014