



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

Malaysia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Iraq, led by His Excellency Mr. Abdulkareem Abdulah Shallal Al-Janabi to the 20th Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. Malaysia commends Iraq for its efforts in enacting and amending various laws and legislation, as well as in formulating numerous policies and programmes on human rights. In particular, we laud Iraq for the formulation of its National Human Rights Plan to address issues of poverty, unemployment, food security and health care. We are also impressed with the establishment of its National Centre for Human Rights. Equally praiseworthy are the establishment of new mechanisms to enhance protection for women, children and persons with disabilities.

3. In 2010, Malaysia recommended Iraq to explore the possibility of establishing an independent national human rights institution in conformity with the Paris Principles. We note positively the establishment of the High Commission for Human Rights of Iraq and would like to encourage Iraq to continue its endeavour towards the realization of this goal.

4. My delegation appreciates the frankness of the Government in acknowledging the fact that there remain numerous challenges in its efforts to promote and protect the human rights of its people. We believe that Iraq 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 **three** recommendations for the consideration of Iraq:

- 5.1. **One:** to continue stepping up efforts to establish an independent national human rights institution in conformity with the Paris Principles;
- 5.2. **Two:** to take necessary measures to implement its national strategy to combat violence against women, and in advancing their rights; and
- 5.3. **Three:** to continue its positive efforts to strengthen the implementation of the National Human Rights Plan by providing the necessary financial and human resources.

I thank you.

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3 November 2014