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

Malaysia warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, led by Her Excellency Deputy Minister Azimova, to the UPR Working Group Session and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. Malaysia appreciates the update by the Government of Kazakhstan on the progress made on the implementation of the accepted recommendations received during its first review. In 2010, Malaysia recommended for Kazakhstan to establish an independent NHRI in conformity with the Paris Principles. We take positive note that the Human Rights Commissioner (Ombudsman) has been accorded a B status. We would like to encourage it to further fully comply with the Paris Principles for it to be accorded an A status.

3. Malaysia is also pleased that the Government of Kazakhstan has adopted a national plan to combat human trafficking. We also welcome the achievements and progress that the Government has made in the areas of education, health, the advancement of women's and children's rights, and the reform and improvement of its judicial and legal system.

4. M delegation would like to propose the following **two** recommendations:

- 4.1. **One:** to further strengthen the mandate of its NHRI and to provide the necessary resources for it to function independently;
- 4.2. **Two:** to continue its positive efforts in implementing the Gender Equality Strategy 2006–2016 and to take measures to increase women's participation in public and political life.

I thank you.

GENEVA
30 October 2014