



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

Malaysia warmly welcomes the delegation of Madagascar, led by Her Excellency Madam Ramanantsoa to the 20th Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. My delegation appreciates Madagascar for its openness and updates on the human rights situation since its first UPR. We note the achievements made and efforts undertaken to implement the accepted recommendations despite facing political challenges.

3. We welcome the restoration of democracy and constitutional order through the organization of the second round of the Presidential election in conjunction with the legislative elections on 20 December 2013. We further welcome the appointment of the Prime Minister on 11 April 2014 and the appointment of members of the Government on 18 April 2014. We also note the adoption of a new Constitution by referendum on 11 December 2010.

4. We laud the Government's efforts and determination, led by the new President HE Mr. Hery Rajaonarimampianin, to restore the rule of law and good governance, to combat corruption and ensure respect for human rights in the country. We are confident that with the strong commitment of the Government, and all stakeholders and parties concerned, Madagascar will be able to achieve these goals.

5. Furthermore, we are also pleased to note that the President has announced free primary education and encouraged the enrolment of children who had dropped out of school. In this regard, we would like to **recommend** Madagascar to redouble its efforts in providing free primary education for its citizens with a view to encouraging children who have been affected by the political crisis to attend primary school. We would also like to **recommend** Madagascar to intensify its awareness and campaign programmes to encourage school enrolment of children who have been excluded from the education system.

6. In conclusion, my delegation wishes Madagascar every success in its second cycle UPR.

Thank you, Mr. President.