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

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Slovenia, led by His Excellency Minister Klemencic, to the 20th Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. Malaysia appreciates the various initiatives taken by the Government of Slovenia to implement recommendations accepted during its first review. We note positively the enactment and amendment of various laws and legislation, as well as the formulation of policies and programmes in the areas of health care, education, poverty eradication and youth development, among others. In 2010, Malaysia recommended for Slovenia to take more effective steps to ensure that the process of building places of worship for Muslim and other minority groups is facilitated. We are pleased with the response provided and would like to encourage Slovenia to continue these positive efforts.

3. My delegation notes that there remain challenges in the promotion and protection of human rights in Slovenia including the persistence of negative attitudes and prejudices against persons belonging to ethnic minorities. We call on the Government of Slovenia to continue implementing policies and programmes that are aimed at curtailing such sentiments.

4. In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation would like to propose the following **four** recommendations for the consideration of Slovenia:

- 4.1. **One:** to bring its Human Rights Ombudsman's Office into compliance with the Paris Principles, including by providing it with adequate financial and human resources;
- 4.2. **Two:** to continue its positive efforts in implementing the 2006-2016 Programme for Children and Youth;
- 4.3. **Three:** to continue its positive efforts in reducing the numbers of persons at risk of poverty or social exclusion by 2020; and
- 4.4. **Four:** to step up efforts to prevent or limit hatred, racist and xenophobic acts and speeches, including on the Internet.

I thank you.

GENEVA
4 November 2014