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

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Armenia to the 21st Session of the UPR Working Group. We thank them for the presentation of their national report.

2. My delegation appreciates the consultative approach adopted by Armenia with regard to its UPR process. We note positively the progress made and measures undertaken by Armenia in further promoting and protecting human rights in the country as well as on the implementation of the accepted recommendations during its first Review.

3. In particular, we laud Armenia for its extensive efforts in promoting gender equality and on the advancement of women through various policy measures and programs. Furthermore, Armenia's efforts in combating gender violence as well as on the protection of victims of domestic violence are also praiseworthy. My delegation also notes with encouragement the various measures undertaken by Armenia with regard to the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, in line with its obligation under the UN CRPD. Furthermore, we also recognize the significant achievements made in promoting the right to education, particularly on children with special needs, and the rights of child, among others.

4. We further commend Armenia for its efforts to further promote employment of persons with disabilities through its law prescribing a quota for compulsory provision of jobs for organizations, irrespective of the form of ownership. In this regard, we **recommend** Armenia to continue its positive measures in further promoting and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities, including, by ensuring effective implementation of its Law On Employment as well as providing necessary vocational training to them.

5. In conclusion, my delegation wishes Armenia every success in its second cycle UPR.

Thank you, Mr. President.

GENEVA
22 January 2015