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

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Kyrgyzstan to the 21st Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report. We note the achievements made and efforts undertaken by Kyrgyzstan in the field of human rights since its first Review as highlighted in the report.

2. During Kyrgyzstan's first Review, my delegation had made recommendation relating to the establishment of an independent national human rights institution in conformity with the Paris Principles. We are pleased to note that significant efforts have been made in this regard, whereby the Office of the Ombudsman has collaborated with the UNDP to develop and submit to Parliament a new bill to bring the Office into conformity with the Paris Principles. We encourage Kyrgyzstan to pursue this matter further with a view of bringing the Office of the Ombudsman into compliance with the Paris Principles.

3. While acknowledging the progress made by Kyrgyzstan, we also recognize the challenges faced by the country in further promoting and protecting human rights. We regret that the inter-ethnic conflicts in the country in 2010 had led to outbreaks of violence, which had resulted to the loss of life and destruction of public facilities. Despite facing with these political challenges, we note efforts have been made to restore constitutional order and the rule of law after the 2010 April revolution. We note positively that the constitutional reform and the elections held post the 2010 April revolution has resulted in the restoration of the rule of law and the legitimacy of the Government.

4. Taking into account of these positive measures undertaken by the Government of Kyrgyzstan, my delegation would like to **recommend** Kyrgyzstan to continue its efforts in giving due attention to the inter-ethnic issues including by ensuring effective implementation of its Policy Framework on Strengthening National Unity and Inter-Ethnic Relations.

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

Thank you, Mr. President.

GENEVA
19 January 2015