



**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**  
**Review of Lao People's Democratic Republic**  
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia warmly welcomes the delegation of Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) to the 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. My delegation appreciates the update on progress made since its first UPR and on the implementation of the accepted recommendations. During Lao PDR's first review, my delegation's recommendations, among others, focus on the strengthening of national authorities' capacities in dealing with the problem of gender violence and trafficking in women and girls. We are pleased that all our recommendations were accepted by Lao PDR and, that, various efforts have been made to achieve that end.

3. We commend Lao PDR for its continuous efforts in strengthening the rule of law, governance and public administration in the country through the implementation of the Master Plan on the Development of the Rule of Law adopted in 2009. We further recognize that, as a fellow member of ASEAN, Lao PDR actively participates in the work of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) and other ASEAN mechanisms on human rights issues.

4. In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation would like to make the following **two** recommendations for the consideration of Lao PDR:

4.1. **One:** Continue its efforts in socio-economic development and eradication of poverty with a view of achieving its MDG's target; and

4.2. **Two:** Continue its efforts in training and capacity building programmes for government and law enforcement officials in dealing with the issue of trafficking in persons, particularly women and girls.

5. In concluding Mr. President, my delegation would like to wish Lao PDR every success in its future endeavours.

Thank you.

**GENEVA**  
**20 January 2015**