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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Spain
21st Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Spain to the 21st Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council, and appreciates Spain's continuous commitment towards its UPR exercise.

2. Malaysia notes positively the efforts made by Spain to implement various recommendations accepted at its first UPR, particularly concerning the recommendations made by the Malaysian delegation. We acknowledge that significant achievements have been made in many areas including in combating gender-based violence.

3. In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation wishes to propose the following **four** recommendations for Spain's consideration:

- 3.1. **One:** To double its efforts in combating contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance including criminalizing hate speech, and all forms of incitement to hatred and violence;
- 3.2. **Two:** To intensify efforts to foster national unity and harmony, including by promoting dialogues among societies of different ethnic and faith;
- 3.3. **Three:** To step up measures to improve employability and access to employment, especially among young men and women, and ensure equal opportunities between them; and
- 3.4. **Four:** To continue its efforts in combating gender-based violence, particularly on women with disabilities, through effective implementation of its National Strategy for the Elimination of Violence Against Women 2013-2016.

4. In conclusion, we wish Spain every success in its second cycle of the UPR.

Thank you.

GENEVA
21 January 2015