

## STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA Review of Turkey 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council 19 – 30 January 2015

Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia warmly welcomes the delegation of Turkey to the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the updates and presentation of their national report.

- 2. Malaysia commends Turkey for its tremendous efforts in putting in place the necessary legislative and institutional frameworks to further promote and protect human rights. Various laws and legislation have been enacted and amended since its first Review.
- 3. We are pleased to note that progress has been made in advancing women's rights and gender equality, particularly through the establishment of the Ministry of Family and Social Policies in 2011, among others. We also laud Turkey for the adoption of its 'National Strategy Document and Action Plan on Children's Rights' for the period of 2013 to 2017 aimed at ensuring welfare of all children and raising their standard of living.
- 4. In the spirit of constructive engagement, Malaysia would like to make the following **two** recommendations:
  - 4.1. **One**: to continue its commendable efforts to empower women in social, political, economic and public life, including by continuing its positive measures to improve women's employment; and
  - 4.2. **Two**: to continue strengthening the family and family values, including by protecting and ensuring the welfare of the family members particularly children.
- 5. In concluding Mr. President, my delegation would like to wish Turkey every success in its second UPR.

I thank you.

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