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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA Review of Jamaica 22nd Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council 4-15 May 2015

Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Jamaica to the 22nd Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

- 2. We are appreciative to note that Malaysia's recommendations relating to capacity building and training for police and law enforcement personnel as well as combating gender-based violence were accepted by Jamaica during its first Review. My delegation notes positively the efforts and progress made by Jamaica in these areas.
- 3. We note with encouragement that Jamaica has embarked on a path of national transformation through its Vision 2030 Jamaica's National Development Plan (2009-2030). The realization of this Plan, which revolves around four national goals of empowering the Jamaicans, developing a secure, cohesive and just society, prospering the economy and maintaining a healthy natural environment, would undoubtedly further contribute towards the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.
- 4. We laud Jamaica for its ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography in August 2011. We also note with satisfaction the significant achievements made by Jamaica in gender equality and empowering women and girls. In this regard, we would like to **recommend** Jamaica to continue its positive approach in enhancing gender equality and combating gender-based violence including through the finalization and implementation of its National Strategic Plan of Action to Eliminate Gender-based Violence.
- 5. In conclusion, we wish Jamaica every success in its future endeavour and the implementation of the accepted second cycle UPR recommendations.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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