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Thank you Mr. President.

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Mongolia to the 22nd Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report. We note the efforts and achievements made by Mongolia in the field of human rights since its first Review as highlighted in the report.

- 2. We are pleased to note that Malaysia's recommendations relating to training for law enforcement officials, preventing incidence of trafficking and combating domestic violence were accepted by Mongolia during its first Review. Significant efforts and progress have been made in these areas.
- 3. The enactment of the Law on Combating Human Trafficking in 2012 is noteworthy. We encourage Mongolia to continue its positive efforts in trafficking in person by ensuring effective implementation of the said Law. Furthermore, we would also like to **recommend** Mongolia to enhance measures in combating trafficking in person, particularly women and children, through proper investigation and prosecution in all cases of human trafficking.
- 4. My delegation also acknowledges Mongolia's commitment in preventing and combating domestic violence. Although the cases of domestic violence in the country have been on the rise from 2010 to 2014, we are confident that with a strong commitment by the Government and continued implementation of national policies and programmes, Mongolia will be able to address this issue. As addition to the existing steps undertaken by the Government, we would like to **recommend** Mongolia to consider wider establishment of shelter houses for women and children seeking protection from domestic violence.
- 5. While acknowledging the progress made by Mongolia, we also recognize the challenges faced by the country in further promoting and protecting human rights as highlighted in paragraph 126 of its national report. We encourage Mongolia to continue its training programmes for enforcement officials so as to strengthen the implementation of its various national laws.
- 6. In conclusion, my delegation wishes Mongolia every success in its second cycle UPR.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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