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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of the Australia to the 23rd Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. My delegation acknowledges the various measures taken by Austria to implement the recommendations accepted during its first Review, including those made by Malaysia. We note positively Australia's achievements in the areas of good governance, gender equality, quality education, health services and the rights of persons with disabilities, amongst others.

3. While acknowledging these achievements, we view that there is still room for improvement, particularly in the areas of the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples as well as other disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. In this regard, we would like to offer the following **two recommendations** for the consideration of Australia:

- 3.1. **One:** continue its efforts in closing the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians in health, education, employment opportunities and access to justice; and
- 3.2. **Two:** take more resolute measures in combating racial discrimination, xenophobia and prejudices against members of religious and ethnic minorities, including by actively promoting inter-cultural, inter-ethnic and inter-faith understanding and tolerance.

I thank you.

GENEVA
9 November 2015