



**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**  
**Review of Mauritania**  
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Mauritania and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. My delegation notes positively the developments made by Mauritania on the promotion and protection of human rights in the country since its first review in 2011. We appreciate that Malaysia's recommendations relating to the rights of women and children as well as ensuring supply within the food chain to the country, among others, were accepted by Mauritania. We note the progress made in these areas particularly on the development of a national strategy for gender mainstreaming earlier this year. We also laud Mauritania efforts to further promote and protect the rights of the child including through the creation of a national council on children, and the implementation of a national child protection strategy.

3. While my delegation acknowledges the challenges and constraints faced by Mauritania to further promote and protect the rights of its people as highlighted in its national report, we view that there is still room for improvement. In this regard, Malaysia wishes to make the following **three** recommendations:

- 3.1. **One:** to continue efforts in poverty eradication through effective implementation of its Strategic Framework for Poverty Eradication as well as the National Strategy on Food Security and the Strategy for the Rural Sector;
- 3.2. **Two:** to continue its efforts in providing access and quality education for children, and implement programmes that would further encourage them, especially girls, to go to school; and
- 3.3. **Three:** to double its efforts in addressing the vulnerable conditions of children who live on the streets including by implementing existing legislation against child labour and its plan of action to combat child labour.

I thank you.

**GENEVA**  
**3 November 2015**