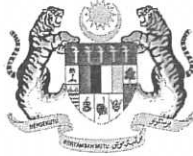


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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Mozambique
24th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council
18-29 January 2016

Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Mozambique to the 24th Session of the UPR Working Group and congratulates them for the presentation of their report.

2. Malaysia acknowledges the open and constructive approach that has been demonstrated by the Government of Mozambique in improving the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

3. Mozambique has made significant progress since the last Review, including the establishment of its National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) that is in line with the Paris Principles, the effort to create more transparent and accountable governance through the decentralization of local governments, and the increase of women's representation in decision-making.

4. In the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation would like to propose the following **three** recommendations for the consideration of Mozambique:

- 4.1 **One:** widen the access to legal assistance for prisoners, and continue to assist with their rehabilitation into society to reduce recidivism;
- 4.2 **Two:** increase resources and capacity towards full implementation of measures taken to fight corruption in the public and private sectors; and
- 4.3 **Three:** further reduce the gender gap by translating the protection of women's rights into programs that improve their health, education, and means of livelihood.

I thank you, Mr. President.

GENEVA
19 January 2016

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Malaysia did not manage to deliver its statement during the UPR of Mozambique in 2011 due to insufficient time during the Review.

Mozambique participated during the UPR of Malaysia in 2013:

Summary of Statement: Mozambique noted achievements in many human rights fields, early attainment of the MDG on reducing poverty and the adoption of legislation on human trafficking. Mozambique made the following recommendations:

- R 146.80: Continue its efforts to eradicate poverty and uplift the standards of living for all Malaysians, including through ensuring effective implementation of the Government Transformation Programme strategies. **(Accepted)**; and
- R 146.142: Allocate more resources to ensure the effective implementation of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons and Anti-Smuggling of Migrants Act **(Accepted)**.