



**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**  
**Review of the Niger** Room XX  
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of the Niger to the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group and congratulates them for the presentation of the report.

2. Malaysia commends the Niger for its overall progress on the implementation of the recommendations accepted during its first Review. We acknowledge the legislative measures, policies and programs that have been developed to promote economic and social rights, address the issue of trafficking in persons, and protect the vulnerable, notably women and children.

3. We encourage the Niger in its efforts to overcome the challenges in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. In this regard, we wish to propose the following **four recommendations** for the consideration of the Niger:

- 3.1. **One:** Step-up measures through legislation, policies and programs to promote the rights of women, and protect them from being victimized by of any forms of slavery and abuse;
- 3.2. **Two:** Expand access to education for children and youth, and provide vocational training as a means to improve their future employability;
- 3.3. **Three:** Implement existing laws and undertake concerted efforts to combat violent extremism and acts of terrorism;
- 3.4. **Four:** Take appropriate measures to reduce infant mortality and improve access to health services in rural areas.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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