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**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**  
**Review of Palau**  
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Mr. President,

Malaysia acknowledges the progress made in the promotion and protection of human rights in Palau. We note the Government's efforts in conducting awareness programs for HIV and AIDS prevention, improving the rights of persons with disabilities, combatting violence against women as well as environmental protection. We further note that the enactment of the Family Protection Act and revision of the Penal Code are among efforts undertaken by the Government to provide protective measures for children.

2. We encourage the Government to continue its efforts in promoting and protecting human rights in Palau and propose the following **four recommendations**:

- 2.1 **One:** Establish a National Human Rights Institution, in accordance with the Paris Principles to lead, coordinate and strengthen human rights implementation in Palau;
- 2.2 **Two:** Continue efforts to address human trafficking including the development of stricter legislation and assistance for victims' reintegration and recovery;
- 2.3 **Three:** Continue efforts to improve the rights and working conditions for employment including through appropriate legislative and administrative measures; and
- 2.4 **Four:** Consider endorsing and implementing the National Disability Policy as a tool to ensure better rights for persons with disabilities.

Thank you.

**GENEVA**  
**21 January 2016**