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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Paraguay
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Mr President,

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

2. Malaysia commends Paraguay for its overall progress in the promotion and protection of human rights towards building a democratic society in the country. We acknowledge the steps taken by the Government for the improvement of economic and social rights including reducing illiteracy and poverty.

3. We encourage Paraguay to implement its Commitments and Voluntary Undertakings as outlined in its national report and would also like to offer the following **four recommendations**:

- 3.1 **One:** Effectively combat human trafficking, in particular sexual exploitation and forced labour;
- 3.2 **Two:** Provide assistance, reintegration programmes and skills training for victims of human trafficking to allow their reintegration into society;
- 3.3 **Three:** Continue efforts towards improving literacy and reducing poverty through education and skills enhancement programmes under the National Development Plan 2030; and
- 3.4 **Four:** Double efforts in combatting corruption through improving the capacity of the National Secretariat to Combat Corruption

Thank you.

GENEVA
20 January 2016