



**Statement by Ms. Syuhada Adnan, Second Secretary
Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations in Geneva
Review of Antigua and Barbuda
25th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council
2-13 May 2016**

Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda to the 25th Session of the UPR Working Group and congratulates them for the presentation of the report.

2. Malaysia notes that Antigua and Barbuda has undertaken numerous initiatives to improve the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. On the rights of persons with disabilities, Malaysia welcomes the accession of Antigua and Barbuda to the CRPD. Malaysia further notes that new laws focusing on the protection of children's rights, particularly in improving children's participation in matters concerning them were passed in 2015. In poverty eradication, Malaysia also notes that Antigua and Barbuda continues to provide financial assistance and implement social programs to improve the access to basic needs of those in vulnerable situations.

3. While Antigua and Barbuda has progressed in many aspects, Malaysia is of the view that several other areas could be considered further, notably in combatting trafficking in persons, and in eliminating all discriminations against women including the abuse of women. In the spirit of constructive engagement, we wish to propose the following recommendations for the consideration of Antigua and Barbuda:

- 3.1. **One:** continue to implement laws, policies and programs targeted at combatting trafficking in persons, prosecute the identified perpetrators and provide rehabilitation for victims of trafficking in persons; and
- 3.2. **Two:** strengthen the efforts to promote the full participation of women in all aspects, eliminate discrimination against women, and ensure access to justice for victims of domestic violence and sexual harassment.

We wish Antigua and Barbuda the best for its future undertakings in the field of human rights.

I thank you, Mr. President.

**GENEVA
9 May 2016**