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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Papua New Guinea and congratulates them for the presentation of the report. Malaysia noted that Papua New Guinea has given importance to the UPR process and undertaken extensive consultations in the preparation for the second review.

2. Papua New Guinea accepted many recommendations, including those made by Malaysia during its first UPR. It has also made considerable progress in various issues including in the administration of justice for human rights violations, the adoption of the Family Protection Act 2013 to combat domestic violence, and the promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities through the introduction of the sign language as the fourth national language of Papua New Guinea, among others.

3. At the same time, Malaysia is of the view that further attention could continue to be given to certain areas in the future, notably in the empowerment of women, the promotion of the right to health and the rights of indigenous peoples. In the spirit of constructive engagement, we wish to propose the following recommendations for the consideration of Papua New Guinea:

- 3.1. **One:** continue to put in place policies and programs aimed at eliminating all discrimination against women and achieving gender equality, including active promotion of higher education for women and improving the number of women holding decision-making positions in public and private sectors;
- 3.2. **Two:** dedicate more resources to ensuring access to basic facilities to indigenous peoples including clean water, healthcare and education; and
- 3.3. **Three:** continue to provide human rights training to law enforcement officials and ensure accountability of those who commit human rights violations and criminal offenses.

We wish Papua New Guinea the best in its future undertakings in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

I thank you.

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