



**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**  
**Review of Samoa**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council**  
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Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Samoa to the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their report.

2. Malaysia notes that Samoa has embarked upon new and pragmatic initiatives in improving the overall promotion and protection of human rights in the country. In education, we note that Samoa has taken efforts to increase the enrolment of children with disabilities or those from vulnerable socioeconomic conditions into schools. We also note that Samoa has also been taking steps to improve the integrity of the public sector, including its law enforcement authorities.

3. While much progress has been made, further efforts could be undertaken in countering discrimination against women, eliminating violence against children, and in the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities.

4. In the spirit of constructive engagement, we wish to propose the following recommendations for the consideration of Samoa:

- 4.1. **One:** enhance efforts to provide human rights training for law enforcement agencies;
- 4.2. **Two:** establish effective child abuse reporting mechanisms and ensure the appropriate remedy and rehabilitation for child victims; and
- 4.3. **Three:** take concrete steps to improve access to decent work and other economic opportunities for women in achieving gender equality.

We wish Samoa the best for its future undertakings in the field of human rights.

I thank you, Mr. President.

**GENEVA**  
**3 May 2016**