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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
25th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council
2-11 May 2016

Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the 25th Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their report.

2. Malaysia is pleased to note that the Government accepted the three recommendations put forth by Malaysia at the last UPR and we acknowledge the Government's commitment to improve the human rights situation in the country. Nonetheless, we note the Government's constraints and challenges in achieving this goal.

3. We encourage Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to persevere in its efforts and would like to propose the following **five** recommendations for consideration:

- 3.1. **One:** Undertake socio-economic development programmes that focus on education, job creation and poverty eradication under the National Economic and Social Development Plan 2013-2025;
- 3.2. **Two:** Undertake actions to improve the competency and capacity of its judicial sector including sensitizing judicial personnel on issues concerning vulnerable groups;
- 3.3. **Three:** Intensify efforts to end discrimination against women and increase women participation in the Government, in decision making positions and other segments of society;
- 3.4. **Four:** Combat gender-based violence through its National Action Plan, Domestic Violence Act and anti-violence outreach programmes; and
- 3.5. **Five:** Increase efforts to keep children in schools and protect them from sexual exploitation or forced and unlawful employment.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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2 May 2016