



STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Suriname
25th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council
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Mr. President,

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

2. Malaysia notes the efforts that have been undertaken by Suriname in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. Suriname continued to take various initiatives to empower women, and eliminate discrimination against them through the adoption of a new legislation, amendments of existing laws, and the implementation of relevant policies and programs. Malaysia also acknowledges the comprehensive approach taken by Suriname in the protection of children's rights, notably in the expansion of the scope of legal protection for children against abuse and exploitation. Suriname's decision to establish a national human rights institution is also a positive step toward better promotion of human rights in the country.

3. Although considerable advancements have been made, further attention could be given to several areas, including on the socioeconomic situation and access to justice for persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, and other vulnerable groups.

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

- 4.1. **One:** ensure that the establishment of its national human rights institution comply with the Paris Principles;
- 4.2. **Two:** take concrete steps to improve access to legal representation and justice for vulnerable groups, through affordable legal aid schemes; and
- 4.3. **Three:** continue to improve the engagement, empowerment, education, entrepreneurship and social enterprise of youth.

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

I thank you, Mr. President.

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2 May 2016