



**Statement by Ms. Syuhada Adnan, Second Secretary
Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations in Geneva
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Mr. President,

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

2. Malaysia notes that Swaziland has undertaken various initiatives to improve the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. We note that amendments to legislation concerning the protection of women have been passed, including enabling women to the right to own property, and laws to address domestic violence against women and children. In health, we note that Swaziland is faced with challenges with regard to HIV and AIDS, and we welcome the adoption of a comprehensive framework to improve its national response to this issue. We further note that improvements have been made in education, notably in the increase in enrolment of children into schools.

3. Malaysia is of the view that several areas could be further improved, notably in the protection of children's rights, and poverty eradication. In the spirit of constructive engagement, we wish to propose the following recommendations for the consideration of Swaziland:

3.1. **One:** take concrete measures towards protecting children from sexual exploitation, including violence against girls with albinism through law enforcement and appropriate sanctions, and active awareness campaign and partnership with local communities to combat impunity; and

3.2. **Two:** continue to take actions to eradicate poverty and reduce the disparities between rural and urban communities through providing the basic necessities, quality education, health services, and the creation of jobs and income-generating opportunities for all.

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

I thank you, Mr. President.

**GENEVA
10 May 2016**