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**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**

**REVIEW OF BELIZE**

**45TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

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Malaysia thanks Belize for the presentation of its national report.

2. We are encouraged by Belize’s commitment to promote and protect human rights, in line with its international obligations. We commend Belize for increasing financial resources for the health sector. Belize’s mobile health teams providing lifesaving immunizations for children in rural communities is a commendable effort to realise its people’s right to health, despite facing challenges as a Small Island Developing State (SIDS).

3. In the spirit of constructive engagement, Malaysia **recommends** the following:

3.1 First, continue its social and economic initiatives aimed at reducing poverty and inequalities; and

3.2 Second, step up efforts towards establishing a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles.

4. We wish Belize a successful review.

Thank you.

**29 JANUARY 2024**

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