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## STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA

### Agenda Item 3:

**ID with the SR on the right to food and SR on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living**

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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia associates itself with the statement delivered by Pakistan  on behalf of the OIC.

2. My delegation wishes to thank both the Special Rapporteurs for their reports. Malaysia takes this opportunity to reaffirm the importance it attaches to the work of both mandate-holders. I am also pleased to inform the Council that the Government of Malaysia looks forward to the visit of Mr Olivier de Schutter, the Special Rapporteur on the right to food to Malaysia in December this year.

3. We share the concerns of the Special Rapporteur in his report on the broad range of discriminatory practices against women that might affect their right to food. Recognising that women are part of the integral component of the socio-political and economic development of the nation, Malaysia is fully committed to the realisation of women's full potentials and their full and effective participation in all fields.

4. The Government of Malaysia has adopted a number of measures to mainstream gender perspectives into the development process. These include the formulation of relevant policies; review of laws affecting women; improving the capacity of the national machinery to incorporate women's perspectives into the development process; improving access to education and enhancing training; and upgrading health care. These efforts are aimed at empowering the women which would significantly contribute to the financial autonomy of women in many areas, including in achieving food security as a whole.

Mr. President,

5. My delegation concurs with the assessment of the Special Rapporteur that adequate housing is an important aspect in fulfilling the economic, social and cultural rights of the people. We share the concerns of the Special Rapporteur on the issue of insecurity of tenure due to forced evictions and displacement resulting from development, natural disasters and conflicts, among others. In this regard, Malaysia has adopted the 'Policy and Mechanism on National Disaster and Relief Management' which includes guidelines for providing housing, ranging from temporary shelters to transitional and permanent housing, depending on the level and complexity of disasters.

6. The Government of Malaysia has always placed great emphasis on providing adequate, affordable, comfortable and quality housing for all Malaysians. The Government of Malaysia's 5-year national plans, the most recent being the 10<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan for the period of 2011-2015, also include efforts to improve the standard of living of Malaysians. In addition, the comprehensive National Housing Policy is aimed at providing Malaysians of all income levels, and in particular the low-income groups, access to adequate, affordable and quality housing. It provides direction to housing development in the country, giving an emphasis to better quality of life, national integration and unity. It also covers the general policy on legal security of tenure and protection against forced evictions.

7. In concluding, I wish to reaffirm Malaysia's commitment to ensuring the full realisation of the rights to food and adequate housing and we stand ready to working closely with this Council towards that end.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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