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TO THE UNITED NATIONS

ON AGENDA ITEM 134: PROPOSED PROGRAMME
BUDGET 2012-2013 FINANCING OF THE UNFORESEEN
AND EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES ARISING FROM RESOLUTIONS AND
DECISIONS OF
THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL (HRC)

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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wishes to extend its appreciation to Ms. Maria Eugenia Casar, Assistant Secretary-General/Controller, for the introduction of the Secretary-General's report A/66/558, and Mr. Collen Kelapile, Chairman of the ACABQ, for introducing the report of the Advisory Committee.

2. We take note of the Secretary-General's proposed options for urgent provision of funds to take into account of the following:

- (i) including a provision for special missions in the area of human rights in the proposed programme budget;
- (ii) establishment of a reserve fund for special human rights missions, in the amount of \$2 million per biennium; and,
- (iii) access to resources under the General Assembly resolution for the Secretary-General's commitment authority on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.

3. My delegation acknowledges the importance in providing the Human Rights Council (HRC) with the necessary financial resources to enable it to carry out all its decisions in fulfilling its mandate. Thus, it is imperative for the issue of adequate financing to fund unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising from resolutions and decisions of the HRC to be addressed at the earliest opportunity.

4. My delegation further takes note that for urgent human rights-related activities, the Advisory Committee has concerns with regard to the status of the proposal of the Secretary-General to change the current arrangement for financing unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising from the resolutions and decisions of the HRC. In this regard, we are of the view that it would be prudent for the Secretary-General to absorb any additional requirements within the approved budget.

5. It is important for Member States to be informed of any requests for commitment authority and to ensure that the existing financing mechanism for unforeseen and extraordinary requirements related to human rights activities is fully implemented. Thus, my delegation looks forward to receive the Secretary-General's assessment on the utilization of the said procedure.

Mr. Chairman,

6. We are fully aware that transparency and accountability need to be adhered to in carrying out human rights activities of this august body. My delegation is of the view that Member States should continue to ensure that there are appropriate resources in this regard. At the same time, we wish to stress the importance of preserving the existing funding mechanism in enabling the HRC to implement its decisions in an effective and a timely manner. Having said this, my delegation wishes to reiterate that the work of the Special Procedures' Mandate-holders should be conducted in accordance with respect to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Member States concerned. My delegation also calls on Member States to continue supporting the work of Mandate-holders, and avoid the politicization of any work related to the promotion and protection of human rights. It is feared that our failure to do so may lead to greater friction and even non-cooperation from the concerned Member States, which in turn would further hinder the work of the Mandate-holder.

7. Malaysia will continue to support the need to ensure adequate funding and its established specific financing mechanism for the work of the HRC to be executed accordingly. I wish to express my delegation's full support in working with all Member States and the Secretariat, and we look forward to participate constructively in future discussions on this agenda item.

Thank you.