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**STATEMENT BY  
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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

**ON THE OCCASION OF  
THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
DEDICATED TO THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF  
HIS EXCELLENCY NELSON MANDELA**

**AT THE 68<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
NEW YORK, 19 DECEMBER 2013**

Mr. President,

We join the international community in conveying our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to the family as well as the Government and the people of South Africa on the passing of former President Nelson Mandela. The likes of President Mandela, a man who truly epitomized dignity, courage and dedication are far and few in this world and we are privileged to have him as an inspiration in our continuing pursuit for world peace.

2. President Mandela's strength of character, perseverance and leadership qualities befit the challenging times that South Africa faced during their struggle against the apartheid regime. It is testimony to his sense of moderation that there was no bloody retribution in South Africa for all the evils and injustices perpetrated against the majority of South Africans during the apartheid regime. Rather he called for reconciliation and national healing, charting a middle path that brought together the long-divided people of South Africa. For this, Malaysia sees him as a towering example of peace and conciliation that we should strive to emulate and aspire to achieve, particularly in light of the conflicts the world faces today.

3. There is a Malay proverb that goes, "A tiger dies leaving behind his stripes; a man dies leaving behind his name." In his passing, President Nelson Mandela leaves behind a name and an extraordinary legacy that Malaysia and the world will never forget. May his soul rest in peace.

I thank you, Mr. President.