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STATEMENT (EOV) BY H.E. AMBASSADOR RAMLAN IBRAHIM, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

ADOPTION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA

MONDAY, 25 JANUARY 2016, SECURITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, UNHQ

Thank you Mr. President,

I wish to join earlier speakers in congratulating the delegation of Colombia on this historic and momentous occasion which could hopefully mark the beginning of the end of the long running conflict in the country.

2. In this regard, I wish to also express appreciation to the UK delegation for their constructive and proactive role in leading negotiations on resolution 2261 just adopted by Council.

Mr. President,

- 3. The resolution just adopted authorises the establishment of a Special Political Mission of the United Nations, comprising unarmed international observers, responsible for the monitoring and verification of the laying down of arms, and a part of the tripartite mechanism that will monitor and verify the definitive bilateral ceasefire and cessation of hostilities between the parties, consistent with the Joint Communiqué of 19 January 2016.
- 4. Pending the commencement of the Mission which will be led by a Special Representative of the Secretary-General and with personnel contributions from the Member States of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), Malaysia urges both the Government of Colombia and the FARC-EP to spare no effort towards the expeditious conclusion of the Final Peace Agreement.
- 5. We further believe that the establishment of the Mission will make further positive contribution to increasing the level of comfort and confidence between the two parties with a view to cementing the gains already achieved.

- 6. We fully believe that taking this step towards peaceful resolution of the conflict in Colombia would pave the way to ensure lasting peace, security and prosperity for all sections of society in the country.
- 7. Malaysia looks forward to receiving the proposals from the Secretary-General on the establishment and operationalization of the Mission and reaffirms its readiness to work closely with all Council members, concerned partners and stakeholders in this regard.

I thank you, Mr. President.