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**GENERAL DEBATE OF THE X SESSION OF THE OPEN-ENDED
WORKING GROUP ON AGEING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE UNITED NATIONS
“EDUCATION, TRAINING, LIFE-LONG LEARNING AND CAPACITY-
BUILDING”
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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, allow me to extend my delegation's warm congratulations to Argentina on its Chairmanship of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA), as well as to other Bureau Members and the Secretariat for convening this session.

2. Malaysia wishes to align itself with the statement delivered by the State of Palestine on behalf of the G77 and China, and Chile on behalf of the Group of Friends of Older Persons.

3. My delegation is pleased with the continuation of last year's theme 'Measures to enhance the promotion and protection of the human rights of older persons'. It highlights the spirit of the Agenda 2030, Leaving No One Behind, thus reminding us to ensure that progress towards each of the SDG goals benefits everyone, including the older persons.

Madame Chair, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. The unanimous adoption of the General Assembly resolution 73/143 adopted in 17 December 2018, underscores our resolves to have suitable measures for the promotion and protection of the human rights and dignity of older persons.

5. Allow me to share with you the various efforts undertaken by the Government of Malaysia in this area, as follows:

On Social Protection

5.1 Malaysia has multiple institutions that perform different functions in the provision of social assistance, savings vehicles and social insurance for older persons as follows:

5.1.1 Employees Provident Fund (EPF)

The largest contractual savings institution in the country which serves as a savings institution for private sector workers;

5.1.2 Social Security Organisation (SOCSSO)

Provides mandatory work injury, disability and survivorship insurance for private sector workers;

5.1.3 Civil Service Pension Scheme

Administered by the Post Service Division of the Public Service Department which provides old-age, disability and survivorship benefits for civil service employees.

5.2 The Government also provides tax relief of up to RM5,000 for those who are providing care for their elderly which includes nursing costs, among others.

On Life-Long Learning

5.3 The setting up of the National Advisory and Consultative Council for Older Persons (NACCOP) to implement and monitor programmes set up under the Plan of Actions. NACCOP is chaired by the Minister of Women, Family and Community Development and the members are representatives from various ministries, agencies, organisations, NGOs,

academicians as well as individuals who have expertise in the welfare of older persons;

- 5.4 Enculturation of life-long learning (LLL) is one of the seven strategies in the National Higher Education Strategic Plan (2007-2020) under the Ministry of Education Malaysia to promote active citizenship and evenness in social status as well as fulfilling individual and manpower needs of the country.

Mr. Chairman,

6. My delegation hopes that this Session will serve to further strengthen our collective measures to continue enhancing effective strategies and responses for the protection of older persons, even in the face of unprecedented encounters, particularly on education, training, life-long learning and capacity-building.

7. Malaysia will continue to provide support to the Working Group on Ageing in fulfilling its mandate of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons.

8. In this regard, we urge the OEWGA to consider adopting an outcome document which could help facilitate follow-up to all discussions relating to the scope of the OEWGA which affect the full and effective enjoyment of the human rights of older persons.

Thank you.

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