

UPR 17 – Malaysia – 24 October 2013**STATEMENT by BULGARIA**

Mr. President,

We commend Malaysia for the comprehensive second national report which highlights developments in the country since the first review, the latest ones being in the field of good governance, institutional building and general elections.

Bulgaria notes that besides the development of civil and political rights, Malaysia has made notable progress in economic, social and cultural rights.

Bulgaria would like to recommend to Malaysia to implement a gender perspective in education at all levels, including teacher training, as well as to establish a policy and appropriate measures for including children of all backgrounds in the national education system.

Bulgaria would like to recommend as well to the Government of Malaysia to take practical steps towards the abolishment of the death penalty, and as a first step to officially introduce a moratorium on the implementation of death sentences.

Finally, Bulgaria would recommend that the Government of Malaysia continue to follow up on the request by a number of Special Procedures Mandate Holders to visit the country.

Thank you.