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MALAYSIA

Mister President,

The Republic of Cyprus welcomes [*head of delegation*], and the rest of the members of the Malaysian delegation to this session of the second-UPR cycle and thanks them for their presentation.

We commend the Government of Malaysia for actively engaging with all relevant stakeholders, including civil society, in the preparation of its National Report. We also note the adoption of several pieces of legislation aimed at improving the situation as regards the protection and promotion of human rights in Malaysia.

It is with satisfaction that we note that Malaysia is party to a number of international human rights instruments and we wish to mention the recent accession to two Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, that is on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography and on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict. The latter, we believe, is a clear manifestation of Malaysia's renewed commitment to promoting and protecting the rights of children.

We urge the Government of Malaysia to continue to pursue those national policies that are in the direction of consolidating the human rights infrastructure in the country and enable it to further progress in the promotion of a culture of respect for human rights.

Cyprus would like to make the following recommendations:

- To consider reducing the number of crimes for which the capital punishment may be handed, including non-violent crimes, as well as establishing a moratorium on the use of the death penalty;
- That Malaysia builds on progress made as regards training programs on human rights and further improves such schemes, particularly for law enforcement personnel and the judiciary; and
- To intensify efforts so that children with disabilities have sufficient access to education and health facilities.

I thank you Mister President.