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Mr. President,

My delegation extends its warmest welcome to the delegation of Malaysia to the 2nd Cycle of the UPR.

Egypt congratulates the Malaysian Government on its efforts to implement the accepted recommendations of the first cycle. We welcome in specific the efforts exerted in strengthening the judicial institutions, promoting pro-poor national housing policies, ensuring universal access to primary education, supporting empowerment of women, as well as adopting measures to facilitate the acquisition of nationality by children born to a ^{non} non-Malaysian mothers. We also commend the steps taken by the Government to further promote harmony, coexistence, and tolerance among its richly diverse social fabric.

On the other hand we took note that ~~that~~ some challenges still persist in the areas of providing for better protection standards for persons with disabilities and combating trafficking in persons, thus we kindly invite the delegation of Malaysia to share with the council its future plans on these 2 fronts.

In conclusion, we present the following recommendations to the kind consideration of the delegation of Malaysia:

- 1- To consider reviewing its position vis-à-vis acceding to the ICCPR, ICESCR, ICERD, CAT, and ICRMW.
- 2- To maintain its good example in observing the legal safeguards surrounding the application of death penalty.
- 3- To further its national efforts to eradicate trafficking in persons, specially women and children.

I thank you.
