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Mr President,

Finland wishes to thank Malaysia for the national report and its presentation today.

Finland is pleased to note that Malaysia has ratified the *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (CRPD), and withdrawn some of its reservations to the human rights treaties it is party to. Referring to the recommendations during the first UPR, we would like to invite the Government to inform about further steps to withdraw the remaining reservations, especially those impacting equality and non-discrimination.

Finland recommends that Malaysia ratify the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* (ICCPR), the *International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights* (ICESCR), the *Convention against Torture* (CAT); and the *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* (CERD). We would appreciate information about measures taken in this regard.

According to the *Report on the National Enquiry into the Land Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, by the *National Human Rights Commission of Malaysia* (SUHAKAM), "systemic issues have denied indigenous peoples the full enjoyment of their legal and human rights". Finland recommends that Malaysia take measures, with full and effective participation of indigenous peoples, to address the issues highlighted in the Enquiry.

Thank you.