

## Hungary's Statement on Malaysia, UPR 17th Session, 24 October 2013

Mr. President,

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Malaysia to this UPR session. Hungary highly appreciates the fact that the Government addressed a few recommendations that were not accepted during the first UPR.

Concerning Malaysia's international obligations, we note the ratification of several international instruments since its first review. However, Malaysia is still not party to major international human rights instruments. Therefore, **we recommend that the Government ratify ICERD, ICCPR, ICESCR and CAT.** We take note of the high number of pending requests by special procedures to visit the country. **In this context we recommend that the Government issue a standing invitation for UN human rights special procedures and accept all requested visits by mandate holders.**

My Government appreciates the recent amendments to the Printing Presses and Publications Act, but is still concerned about its restrictive nature together with the Peaceful Assembly Act which imposes undesired limitations on the rights to freedom of assembly and of association.

Let me conclude by expressing our appreciation for the adoption of the Whistleblower Protection Act in 2010, and asking the distinguished delegation to provide a preliminary assessment on its effect on human rights defenders and media personnel.

Thank you Mr. President.