



**Universal Periodic Review: 17th session
Review of Malaysia
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New Zealand welcomes the Malaysian delegation to the Human Rights Council. We also welcome the progress made in Malaysia, in particular the repeal of the Internal Security Act.

New Zealand notes that large gaps in the institutional framework remain, particularly with regard to conduct of the police. **New Zealand therefore recommends that Malaysia establish an Independent Police Complaints and Misconduct Commission in accordance with the recommendations of the 2005 Royal Commission.**

New Zealand also **recommends that Malaysia review recent amendments to the Prevention of Crime Act, as well as implementation of the Security Offences Act, for consistency with international human rights.**

New Zealand welcomes Malaysia's commitment to ensuring the protection and promotion of the rights of indigenous peoples. **New Zealand recommends that Malaysia establish an independent body to investigate disputes over land, territories and resources.**

New Zealand recognises the challenges that Malaysia faces on irregular migration and notes Malaysia's cooperation with relevant international organisations and the Bali Process.

New Zealand recommends that Malaysia sign and ratify the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, and enact domestic refugee law in line with international standards.