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PERMANENT MISSION OF NORWAY

STATEMENT

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Norway welcomes the delegation of Malaysia.

We recognize Malaysia's successes in approaching universal primary and secondary education. We encourage Malaysia to continue its efforts to ensure the rights and needs of children from marginalized and disadvantaged communities in the education system. Further, Norway recognizes Malaysia's commitment to increase the number of women in the labor force, and in decision making positions. We note efforts described in the national report to remove reservations from ratified conventions, and encourage Malaysia to ratify more core human rights conventions, and to set a concrete timetable in this regard. **Norway would like to make the following five recommendations:**

- 1) Ensure the rights of indigenous peoples and local forest dependent peoples in law and practice, in particular regarding their rights to traditional lands, territories and resources, and
- 2) Ratify ILO Convention No. 169.
- 3) Withdraw all reservations to CEDAW and abandon discriminatory laws against all women regardless of their ethnic or religious background.
- 4) Take concrete measures to prevent children from becoming stateless and guarantee universal access to free primary education, irrespective of citizenship and immigration status.
- 5) Immediately establish an official moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

Thank you