

PHILIPPINES

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Thank you Mister President. The Philippines welcomes the Malaysian delegation to the 17th session of the UPR. The Philippines also welcomes Malaysia's constructive engagement with the Human Rights Council and the UPR process.

The Philippines acknowledges Malaysia's progress in the fulfillment of UN Millennium Development Goals for 2015. Noteworthy are its achievements in providing affordable housing, reducing maternal mortality and meeting its poverty reduction targets ahead of schedule. We are pleased with Malaysia's role in developing a Post-2015 Vision for the ASEAN Community.

Mister President, Malaysia is home to a multitude of foreign workers. We note that Malaysia's domestic laws, as noted in its national report, provide for protection of the rights of migrant workers.

The Philippines submits the following recommendations:

1. to further expand its protection scope for migrants and their families and continue its efforts to enhance the safety and welfare of foreign workers.
2. To consider ratification of or accession to core international human rights treaties to which Malaysia is not yet a party, including the International Convention of the Rights of Migrant Workers and their Families.
3. To enhance measures to implement the CRC and CEDAW, and to combat trafficking in persons, especially women and children, including strengthening cooperation with NGOs in the area of protection of victims of trafficking in persons.

Finally, as a fellow ASEAN member state, the Philippines wishes Malaysia well as it implements its programs and policies to promote, protect and fulfil human rights. Thank you.**END**