

UPR of Malaysia
Statement by the Republic of Poland

October 24th, 2013

Mr. President,

The delegation of Poland would like to thank the delegation of Malaysia for the presentation of their national report. We acknowledge the Malaysian government's engagement in the UPR process.

We would like to recommend Malaysia to:

- broaden the scope of its international human rights obligations by acceding to ICCPR, ICESCR, ICERD and CAT.
- issue an open invitation to all the Special Procedures and accept their requests when they seek to visit Malaysia.

At the same time, we are concerned by the attempts to tighten control over the Internet, restrict bloggers and limit the number of publications of different religions. We call upon Malaysia to develop an enabling and safe environment, allowing individuals to exercise their freedom of expression and the freedom of religion or belief. We would like to recommend that Malaysia:

- **take effective measures to ensure the full realisation of the right to freedom of expression, by i.a. reviewing the *Printing Presses and Publications Act of 1984*, the *Sedition Act of 1948* and the *Evidence Act of 2012*.**

I thank you.