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Statement by Slovakia
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Mr President,

Slovakia thanks the delegation of Malaysia for the comprehensive summary of the human rights situation in their country. Efforts of the Government in the field of economic, social and cultural rights, in particular their endeavours to establish inclusive national health system are to be welcomed. Slovakia also recognizes developments with regard to access to education.

There are, however, several areas in which further progress is needed. Reports on excessive interference by police and armed forces in the field of freedom of expression raise concerns. We also invite the Government to take effective measures to guarantee the right to a fair trial and due process.

Slovakia would like to make following recommendations to the Government of Malaysia:

1. **Consider ratification of core human rights treaties, including ICCPR, ICESCR and ICERD to be followed by their effective implementation;**
2. **Consider ratification/accession to the Rome Statute of the ICC, to implement it fully at the national level and consider accession to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court.**
3. **Take appropriate measures to bring domestic legislation in line with international human rights standards;**
4. **Adopt legislative measures to ensure effective protection of domestic workers.**

Thank you.