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Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Malaysia and appreciate the comprehensive national report submitted for the second cycle of the UPR.

Malaysia has continuously strived to promote and cultivate a sense of national identity and pride among Malaysia's multiracial, multiethnic and multi-religious population. The Prime Minister of Malaysia has also introduced the 1 Malaysia concept, aimed at reflecting values such as moderation, tolerance, understanding and acceptance through a number of tangible and positive people-oriented programmes and initiatives. **South Africa recommends that the Government of Malaysia enhances its initiatives and programmes to further promote a sense of national unity and pride among its all its citizens.**

We appreciate that the national report clearly sets out the challenges, which still hinder the promotion and protection of human rights in the country. We encourage the Government to continue to take the necessary steps to overcome these challenges and makes advances in ensuring the promotion and protection of all human rights in the country, taking into account the needs of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged segments.

Mr. President,

We thank Malaysia for the constructive interaction with the UPR process and wishes them well for the implementation of the accepted recommendations.

I thank you.