## Human Rights Council 17<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group Review of Malaysia 24 October, 2013 Intervention by Ukraine

## Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Malaysia and thanks for the presentation of the National report.

We commend efforts taken to implement the first UPR cycle recommendations, in particular the Government of Malaysia's decision to repeal three Acts that substantially promotes the further development of the civil and political rights in the country.

Our delegation has <u>two recommendations</u> to the Government of Malaysia:

- 1) to remain open and continue the engagement with the public on the death penalty matter including on possible alternatives to the death penalty and its abolishing
- 2) to continue efforts aimed at implementing existing national policies and plans formulated to provide the framework and guidance for further strengthening of health and education systems.

We would also appreciate hearing which specific preventive measures are included in the national policies for promotion and protection of rights of children and women.

We would also like to be informed about the Malaysia's agenda to join core international human rights mechanisms.

Thank you, Mr. President.