**UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

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**REVIEW OF MALAYSIA**

**INTERVENTION BY TURKEY**

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Mr. President,

We welcome the Malaysian delegation.

Turkey notes with satisfaction that Malaysia has taken significant measures as to actualize the recommendations presented at the second round of the UPR mechanism.

We highly appreciate the Malaysian Government’s commitments to further promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms.

In this regard, we welcome the pledge of the new government of Malaysia to ratify all remaining core UN human rights instruments. To this end, we **recommend** to the Malaysian Government to speed up its deliberations on the signature and ratification of the ICERD, ICCPR, CAT, ICESCR and CMW.

We **recommend** Malaysia to withdraw its reservations from CEDAW, CRC and CRPD that are instrumental to promoting greater respect for the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities.

The decisions by the Government to repeal the “Anti-Fake News Act” as well as the stated intention to abolish the Sedition Act of 1948 are also recent developments worthy of positive note.

We are pleased to learn from the national Report that non-citizen children are allowed to enroll in Alternative Learning Centres. We **recommend** Malaysia to provide access to formal education for all children regardless of their citizenship status.

Thank you.