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**Intervention by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Mr. President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks the delegation of the Federation of Malaysia for its national report.

The Netherlands compliments Malaysia for the steps recently taken by the new government to abolish the death penalty as well as the intention of the government to accede to the six international human rights treaties and relevant protocols to which Malaysia is not yet a party, without reservations.

The Netherlands **recommends** Malaysia:

1. To become a party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC). This is of upmost importance to show commitment to international law and accountability for gross human rights violations. The more countries join the Rome Statute, and implement the prosecution of international crimes in their national jurisdictions, the stronger we stand in the fight against impunity.
2. To take concrete steps to protect LGBTI persons from discrimination and violence, including through enactment of explicit non-discrimination provisions in law, development of public awareness programs and to allow for recognition of the gender of transsexual persons.

The Netherlands wishes Malaysia every success with the implementation, reporting and follow-up of all the UPR recommendations that it receives during this third UPR cycle.

Thank you, Mr. President.