Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, Mr President.

Lithuania welcomes the delegation of Malaysia and commends its constructive participation in the UPR process.

We recommend that Malaysia:

1. Ratifies the remaining core international human rights treaties.
2. Reviews its legislation with the aim to ensure that the civil society, including human rights defenders and journalists, could freely exercise their rights to freedom of expression, both online and offline, association and peaceful assembly.
3. Intensifies its efforts to fully eliminate child, early and forced marriages.
4. Strengthens its legislation to ensure respect for women’s and girls’ human rights and to fully outlaw gender-based discrimination.

We welcome Malaysia’s ambitious agenda to improve its human rights environment, in particular the decision to abolish death penalty, and call on Malaysia to carry out institutional and legal reforms necessary to implement it.

Lithuania wishes Malaysia all success in current UPR cycle and in implementing the recommendations.

I thank you.