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Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the Malaysian delegation and its presentation delivered before us today.

Cyprus acknowledges the efforts of the country to adhere to human rights, notably in human trafficking and promoting religious tolerance. Cyprus also commends Malaysia’s undertaking to restructure its Court System and to strengthen the independence of the judiciary.

Cyprus would like to offer two recommendations for the consideration of Malaysia:

1. Expediting the ratification and implementation of the remaining 6 international human rights instruments, thereby, publicly indicating the Government’s commitment to human rights.
2. Taking further steps in limiting capital crimes with the aim of abolishing the death penalty.

Thank you, Mr. President.