

Statements made by other stakeholders under review at the HRC under item 6 after the adoption of the UPR report

Country: Malaysia

Organisation: Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM)

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"SUHAKAM welcomes the Prime Minister of Malaysia's recent announcement to repeal the Internal Security Act (ISA), Emergency declarations and Banishment Act and the review of a number of laws which are inconsistent with the fundamental human rights principles. Noting that the Government will introduce new legislation to replace the ISA, SUHAKAM hopes that the Government will take due regard of international human rights principles and standards as well as ensure broad consultations with various stakeholders, in the drafting of the new legislation.

SUHAKAM views Malaysia's ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the withdrawal of several of its reservations under the Convention of the Rights of Child (CRC) and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discriminations Against Women (CEDAW) in 2010, as encouraging developments. SUHAKAM is also pleased with the Government's recent decision to accede to the two Optional Protocols to the CRC. SUHAKAM believes that this positive move will accord greater protection of children from involvement in armed conflicts and from sexual exploitation.

SUHAKAM hopes that the Government will speed up its efforts towards the ratification of all core human rights instruments and the withdrawal of its remaining reservations to CRC, CEDAW and CRPD.

SUHAKAM welcomes the Government's efforts in the promotion and protection of the rights of the vulnerable groups particularly, children, women, persons with disabilities and Indigenous Peoples. SUHAKAM hopes that the Government undertake appropriate steps to ensure social and health service, education and adequate legal protection measures are accorded to the marginalized groups including immigrant workers, refugees and asylum seekers, stateless persons as well as those placed in detention centers.

SUHAKAM appreciated the Government for its efforts to eliminate human trafficking through legislative measures, and the development of a national strategic plan and protection for trafficked victims. It further hopes that the Government will continue these positive efforts to



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address the issues of human trafficking and all forms of exploitation of both nationals and foreigners."