

**Intervention by Malaysia**

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**on Human Rights and the 2030 Agenda**

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Thank you, Mr Chair

Let me join others in thanking the Secretariat for organising today’s intersessional meeting.

2. Malaysia recognises the importance of the High-Level Political Forum (HPLF), which will take place in New York in July 2024 – the first forum to be held under the auspices of ECOSOC after the September 2023 SDG Summit. The next HPLF will be crucial in supporting the implementation of the Political Declaration and other outcomes of the SDG Summit to advance the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

3. Today, our world is facing an overlapping crisis that further exacerbates inequalities and produces a devastating impact, particularly on developing countries. The achievement of the SDGs is also in peril. As we pass the halfway point for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, we are alarmed that the progress on most of the SDGs is either moving much too slowly or has reversed compared to when the development agenda was adopted in 2015.

4. Malaysia believes that the integration of international human rights norms and standards, as well as the SDGs into the development agenda, will ensure that no one is left behind. In Malaysia’s case, numerous efforts are undertaken to mainstream SDGs in national development plans, with the aim of safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all Malaysians. Among the key SDG-related programmes in Malaysia are poverty eradication, quality of healthcare, access to education and affordable housing for poor and low-income households.

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5. Malaysia believes in the need for systemic reforms – a total reset of the global institutions that impact our lives. In this respect, reform of the international financial architecture could be a key for large-scale SDG-related investments, to better address global challenges. The international architecture, including its business model and financing capacities, must be made more fit for purpose, equitable and responsive to the financing needs of developing countries.

6. Therefore, we seek to collaborate with like-minded countries and international organisations, to address the root causes of financial crises, and promote a fairer global economic order, based on the principles of human rights. At the same time, Malaysia believes that it is timely for countries to work on financial, debt and economic frameworks that advance human rights for all.

7. Finally, while recognising the challenges ahead, it is important that we prioritise greater international cooperation, and a shared understanding rather than confrontation to address the growing inequality, within and between States that could further divide us as peoples.

Thank you.

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