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Report of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women

Intersections between culture and violence against women

Mr. President,

The Malaysian delegation takes this opportunity to thank Ms. Yakin Erturk for her presentation of an important and difficult topic, that is, the 'Intersections between culture and violence against women'. Without a doubt, gender-based violence cannot be condoned.

Malaysia is a multi-racial society with a blend of Malay, Chinese and Indian cultures. We acknowledge that there is limited research in the area that is being discussed this afternoon. In this regard we welcome any suggestions and views from Ms. Erturk and the panel of speakers of best practices in a multi-racial society to eliminate violence against women.

In compliance with CEDAW, particularly Articles 5 and 16, Malaysia recognizes the importance of life-long education and awareness campaigns to change the mind-sets of girls and boys, men and women.