

**ITEM 71(C): ACTION ON L.51: SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN UZBEKISTAN
GENERAL STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**

Mr. Chairman,

Malaysia's position on country specific resolution is well known.

Malaysia reiterates once again the principles enunciated by the Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement, that "human rights issues must be addressed within the global context through a constructive, dialogue-based approach, with objectivity, respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-interference in the internal affairs of the State, impartiality, non-selectivity and transparency as the guiding principles" and that "Exploitation of human rights for political purposes, including selective targeting of individual countries for extraneous considerations, which is contrary to the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter, should be excluded".

Guided by these principles, my delegation is opposed to resolutions targeting specific countries and rejects the validity of country-specific resolutions. Malaysia has long called for, and continues to call a non-confrontational approach to the issue of human rights, calling instead for constructive dialogue and cooperation.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation continues to call on the States tabling such initiatives to reconsider their actions, as the practice of naming and shaming of Member States is counter-productive and only contributes to further polarization among member countries.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.