

Explanation of Vote by Malaysia on L15/Rev. 1

Mr. President,

Malaysia, ~~and~~ a country with a multi racial, multi cultural and multi religious society, ~~and~~ has consistently accorded highest priority to promoting respect for and tolerance of the freedom of religions and beliefs. This is in line with the provisions of the Malaysian Constitution which, inter alia, guarantees to each religious group the freedom to manage its own religious affairs. This is also in keeping with the provision of Article 18(3) of the ICCPR.

2. Given the prevailing international climate, we believe that the Council must address certain fundamental ~~and~~ concerns that have been highlighted by member states of the OIC, as reflected in the amendments that had been tabled by the Group to draft L15/Rev. 1.

3. Since these amendments have not been taken into account by the ~~the~~ sponsors of draft L15/Rev.1, we ~~we~~ associate ourselves with the Statement of the OIC made by Pakistan. Accordingly, Malaysia will abstain on this draft Resolution. L15