

# MALAYSIA

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committed to its role as a global player in contributing towards the enhancement of universality in international law principles, consolidation of international consensus, establishment of accountability of States in their actions and the facilitation of the peaceful settlement of disputes.

8. The reception of international treaties in particular human rights treaties by Courts in Malaysia has shown tremendous progress. In its recent judgement in the case of





human rights and other non-traditional elements may complicate the negotiation and conclusion of the FTA, and may even lead to failure of the negotiations.

18. Malaysia has observed that the inclusion of human rights elements, such as labour and environmental standards in FTAs between a developed nation and a developing nation largely revolves around the issue of whose standard should be adopted? Would the negotiating parties negotiate to progressively lower the standards in the FTA until they reach a common, acceptable, albeit lower, level?

19. Malaysia will continue to find answers to these questions through experience and dialogue with its existing and future treaty partners in its continued attempt to uphold national interests and the rule of law in the conclusion of international treaties.

I thank you.