

**Statement by the Delegation of Malaysia**  
**Following the Presentation of Report by Mr. Adrian Severin,**  
**Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus**  
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Mr. President,

*My delegation associates itself with the statement by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC. We*  
1. ~~My delegation wishes to thank the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus for his report. We wish to limit our comments to the approach that the Special Rapporteur had used in preparing the report as we believe that the over-arching principle in a positive engagement in human rights is key to strengthening the international human rights system.~~

Mr. President,

2. ~~The report of the Special Rapporteur is couched in a manner that conveys a very adversarial stance with the State concerned. Notably, the usage of certain language which disparages the Government can be counter-productive.~~

3. My delegation observes that the report contains some recommendations which, in our view, ~~run counter to the principle of state sovereignty and~~ deviated from the spirit of positive engagement. Recommendations such as attaching conditions to trade and travel restrictions for Government officials do not lend themselves to a fruitful human rights discourse.

*without prejudging the case @ issue here*  
4. We emphasise the importance of adopting a collaborative attitude in the promotion and protection of human rights worldwide. This will prove to be more beneficial for all involved both in the short- and long-run.

I thank you, Mr. President

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