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TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ON THE QUESTION OF VETO OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
AT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION  
AND INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL,  
NEW YORK, 19 MARCH 2014**

At the outset, allow me to thank you for convening the consultation under the IGN on the question of veto of the Security Council.

Mr. Chairman,

2. Malaysia views the question of veto as one of the most important aspects of the UN Security Council reform. Malaysia has been among the countries that have called for the abolishment of the use of veto in conformity with the principle of sovereign equality of all Member States as enshrined in the UN Charter. Malaysia would want to see an end of the veto power among members of the Security Council, as this is undemocratic, anachronistic and self-serving. My delegation disfavours the use of veto which allows one Member State the power to overrule the wishes of the majority.

3. In view of our continued call for an expansion of membership of the Council, Malaysia is of the opinion that if eventually there is an agreement by Member States on this matter, the new Permanent Members should also be accorded with veto powers so as to contribute towards a more balanced and representational decision-making process. Malaysia firmly believes that there should not be two or three different categories of permanent membership.

4. Malaysia continues to hold the view that the exercise of veto by the Permanent Members should be regulated so as to prohibit the action from being used unjustly and more importantly, against the interest of the majority of Member States of the United Nations. In this context, Member States may wish to explore a modified veto where three or more veto powers would be required to block any Security Council resolution. The requirement of more than one veto in the decision-making process would ensure that the veto power is not subject to abuse as well as enable the Security Council to be more effective.

5. Malaysia would also call for Member States to consider for a restraint in the use of veto power especially in cases of international crimes of the most serious nature such as in instances of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. We believe that Permanent Members of the Council have the responsibility and must take firm action against such heinous crimes and should not undermine the collective opinion of the international community through the use of veto.

Mr. Chairman,

6. In conclusion, it would not be complete to look at the issue of the Security Council reform without examining the current veto structure. We believe that the question of veto is a cardinal issue as it impinges directly on the decision-making process of the Council. Malaysia would remain engaged on the subject-matter, and I wish to assure you of my delegation's support and cooperation to work with you and other Member States in this regard.

Thank You