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Intervention Note:

Malaysia acknowledges the Five-year Global Strategic Plan 2018-2023 as an approach to strengthening our ability to implement the core capacities required under the International Health Regulations (2005). With this strategic plan, Malaysia and other Member States continuously improve public health preparedness and response. We agree that strengthening the core capacities and compliance with the requirements of the regulations are valuable to the Member States in managing the impact of public health emergencies. At present, we are tested globally with the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are pleased with the Secretariat's efforts on improving the quality of assessment and evaluation through the IHR Monitoring and Evaluation Framework using standardized tools and materials. We are also grateful for the guidelines published on several evaluation methods such as the After Action Review and Stimulation Exercise Guidelines in which has helped the member state to self-evaluate our capacities and further validated by Joint External Evaluation (JEE). Malaysia underwent a JEE from October 21 to 25, 2019, and this has added value to our ongoing efforts to build a more resilient health system and strengthen our capacities to respond to health emergencies. Each year we took part in the annual simulation exercise, testing our communication and coordination with the World Health Organization (WHO) during outbreaks or public health emergencies before a real-life emergency occurs.

We are consistently complying with the requirements of the regulations and those additional measures in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic. We agree that the restriction of movement

during the early containment phase of the outbreak had allowed us to implement effective preparedness and response measures. We take note and appreciate all the activities by the Secretariat in support of state parties to implement the regulations.

To conclude, we would like to note the progress in the implementation of the five-year global strategic plan to improve public health preparedness and response. We also appreciate all the good work that has been done so far. Malaysia remains committed and we believe that WHO's leadership is crucial in tackling the continuous threat of COVID-19 and other public health threats globally.