

Parliament: Committee Set Up To Study Malaysia's Possible Participation In Human Rights Conventions
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 16 (Bernama) -- A technical committee has been set up to study and consider the possibility of Malaysia participating in international conventions on human rights.

Deputy Foreign Minister A. Kohilan Pillay said this was in line with Malaysia's awareness of its obligations to ratify the international conventions on human rights and as a member of the Human Rights Council (HRC).

"The government views seriously its commitment on human rights issues and will continue to ensure that the commitment and obligations are fulfilled," he said in the Dewan Rakyat today in reply to Yusmadi Mohd Yusoff (PKR-Balik Pulau) who wanted to know what the government had done since elected to the HRC.

Kohilan Pillay said among the steps taken since becoming a HRC member for the 2010-2013 term, was the formation of a technical committee to monitor and evaluate the proposals received during the Universal Periodic Review process.

He said Malaysia had ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on July 19, 2010 and had agreed to withdraw certain reservations on the conventions it was involved in, such as articles 5(a), 7(b) and 16(2) of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and articles 1, 13 and 15 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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