

Malaysia Concludes Chairmanship Of UN 'Third Committee'
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 5 (Bernama) -- Malaysia has concluded its chairmanship of the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Affairs Committee, commonly referred as the 'Third Committee' of the United Nations General Assembly's 66th session on Tuesday.

Malaysia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN) Datuk Hussein Haniff handed over the chairmanship to the Permanent Representative of Surinam, Henry L. Mac-Donald for the 67th Session of the General Assembly which will begin on Sept 18.

During Malaysia's tenure as chair of the Third Committee, 13 agendas representing 22 sub-items were considered, which included items relating to a range of social, humanitarian affairs and human rights issues that affect people all over the world, according to a statement from the Foreign Ministry, [here](#).

The Committee also discussed the advancement of women, the protection of children, indigenous issues, the treatment of refugees, the promotion of fundamental freedom through the elimination of racism and racial discrimination, and the right to self-determination.

The Committee also addressed important social development questions such as issues related to youth, family, ageing, persons with disabilities, crime prevention, criminal justice and international drug control.

During Malaysia's chairmanship, Hussein presided over 50 meetings, in which the Committee considered a total of 67 draft resolutions, of which 66 were adopted and constituted the most number of resolutions adopted as compared with other main committees.

Malaysia delivered a total of 11 statements under various agenda items, which included Social Development, Advancement of Women, Report of the Human Rights Council, Promotion and protection of the rights of children, Rights of indigenous peoples, Right of peoples to self-determination as well as Promotion and protection of human rights.

Seven statements were made in our national capacity while the additional four were conveyed on behalf of ASEAN.

Under Hussein's distinguished chairmanship of the Third Committee, it managed to elevate Malaysia's standing amongst Member States of the United Nations and enhanced Malaysia's profile in the UN, which would be beneficial to Malaysia's candidatures to various UN bodies in the future.

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