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This report on the proceedings of the 31<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Social Welfare (ICSW) held on 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> August 2004 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia is an attempt to convey briefly what has transpired during the course of the week long conference.

Every effort has been made to capture all the activities that have taken place and the views expressed in the various sessions of the conference. This report should be read in conjunction with our earlier publications on papers for Plenary and Symposium Sessions as well as abstracts for the Workshop Sessions.

This report contains selected papers from the Plenary, Symposium and Workshop Sessions on issues related to the themes of the Conference "Social Progress and Social Justice".

The Organising Committee would like to offer an advanced apology for any shortcomings that might be found in this report.

We wish to convey our appreciation to the President, Executive Director and staff of ICSW Secretariat, all Speakers, Panelists, Chairpersons and those others especially Volunteers who perform a variety of functions and all the participants without whose co-operation, we would not have achieved the objectives of the Conference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Halim', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

**DATO' TOK MUDA HAJI HALIM HAJI IBRAHIM**

Chairman

National Council of Welfare and Social Development Malaysia.