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MEDIA STATEMENT

- 1) PAC takes seriously the Global Corruption Barometer Asia 2020 report by the Transparency International (TI) which found that 71% of Malaysians feel that corruption in government is a big problem and 39% of Malaysians feel that corruption has increased in the last 12 months.

- 2) The same report shows that 30% of Malaysians feel the current government is not doing its best in the fight against corruption and 13% of Malaysians have bribed the civil service in the last 12 months. The MACC satisfaction rate is at 74%.

- 3) In the meantime, 25% of surveyed Malaysians thought that the President / Prime Minister is corrupt, and this is higher than 9 other Asian countries; Taiwan (24%), Maldives (22%), Bangladesh (20%), Indonesia (20%), Myanmar (18%), China (15%), Vietnam (8%), the Philippines (7%) and Cambodia (7%).

- 4) Meanwhile, 36% of surveyed Malaysians thought that their Members of Parliament are corrupt, and this is higher than 7 other Asian countries; Bangladesh (18%), Taiwan (17%), Myanmar (14%), the Philippines (12%), China (11%), Cambodia (6%) and Vietnam (6%).

- 5) PAC considers the figures (reflect) the distrust of Malaysians towards the integrity of the country's public administration and its members. Factors leading to this situation needs to be identified and measures to fight against corruption needs to be improved. The effectiveness of the National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP) also needs to be studied as the duration of the questionnaire for this report was during the implementation period of NACP.

- 6) PAC will call the Transparency International to give a briefing regarding the published Global Corruption Barometer Asia 2020. PAC will also call the Chief Commissioner of MACC to give a report and comments on the Global Corruption Barometer Asia 2020 and the direction of MACC in the fight against corruption and improving the integrity of the public administration.

Thank you.

Hon. Wong Kah Woh