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MEDIA STATEMENT REGARDING THE PROCEEDING ON THE ACQUISITION OF OFFSHORE PATROL **VASSELS (OPV) FOR MALAYSIAN MARITIME ENFORCEMENT AGENCY** (APMM)

- 1. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) today unanimously agreed to start a proceeding on the acquisition of Offshore Patrol Vassels (POV) for Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (APMM), an agency under the Ministry of Home Affairs (KDN).
- 2. The PAC, in the discussion regarding this issue, was of the opinion that the Government, through APNM and KDN need to clarify this issue to the Parliament through this Committee to ensure that the public is aware of the reason for such delay.
- 3. Thus, it is appropriate for the PAC to conduct the proceedings regarding this issue in line with the authority given by the Standing Order 77(1)(d) of the Dewan Rakyat which clearly states that, "...such other matters as the Committee may think fit..."
- 4. The PAC will also be using the authority sanctioned under Standing Order 83(2) and Article 11 (b) of the General Circular No 2 Year 1982 Organisations of the Ministry Prime Minister's Department in conducting these proceedings.

- 5. The PAC will be calling the KDN, APNM and Finance Ministry along with the company awarded with the contract to build these vassels (POV) for further explaination on this issue.
- 6. The date and time for the proceedings will be determined and announced in the near future.

Thank you.

Hon. Wong Kah Woh