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MEDIA STATEMENT

APPOINTMENT AS THE CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (PAC) OF THE 15TH PARLIAMENT

- 1. We would like to thank the Prime Minister on the motion to appoint us as the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the 15th Parliament as well as all Members of Parliament who have unanimously agreed with this motion.
- 2. We believe that transparency and accountability are essential to building public trust and ensuring that today's government meets the needs of its citizens. We hope that we are able to work with the PAC members who will be elected, in carrying out our responsibilities and mandates.
- 3. Hence, we recommend that the Committee of Selection, chaired by the Speaker of the Dewan Rakyat to immediately appoint the 12 members of the PAC consisting of 8 from the Government and 4 from the opposition to carry out the task of checking public financial procedures and ensuring that public funds are spent prudently and efficiently.
- 4. In addition, we will also propose to the Speaker of the Dewan Rakyat as Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee to amend Standing Order 85 of the Standing Orders of the Dewan Rakyat which does not allow PAC proceedings to be open to the public.
- 5. We believe that PAC proceedings should be open to the public to ensure that all proceedings are conducted in a transparent, accountable and credible manner, in line with the institutional reform agenda, which is currently the main focus of the Government.
- 6. YB Wong and I plan to meet as soon as possible all the PAC Ex Officio Members, namely the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Economy, the Attorney General's Chamber, the Public Service Department, the National Audit Department, the Accountant General's Department and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission to discuss the direction and affairs related to PAC.

7. YB Wong and I also agree to conduct a working visit to the Boustead Heavy Industries Corporation (BHIC) Shipyard in Lumut, Perak to observe the latest developments of the Royal Malaysian Navy's Littoral Combatant Ship (LCS) project which should be reported every three months to the PAC as the first task of the PAC of the 15th Parliament.

Thank you.

YB Datuk Wira Mas Ermieyati Binti Samsuddin Chairperson of the Parliament Public Accounts Committee (PAC)

YB Puan Wong Shu Qi Deputy Chairperson of the Parliament Public Accounts Committee (PAC)