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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **THE PAC PROCEEDINGS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE ROYAL MALAYSIAN NAVY'S LITTORAL COMBATANT SHIP (LCS)**

- I. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) plans to hold new proceedings on the construction of the Royal Malaysian Navy's Littoral Combatant Ship (LCS) during the Second Meeting of the Dewan Rakyat which begins on 22 May 2023.
- II. The proposed proceedings will commence once the Dewan Rakyat approves the appointment of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Members.
- III. Once the appointment of the PAC Members is approved, I will call the first meeting of the PAC of the 15th Parliament and its first agenda will be on the new proceedings on the progress of the construction of Littoral Combatant Ship (LCS).
- IV. I am aware that the PAC of the 14th Parliament has tabled the LCS Procurement Report on 4 August 2022. The Secretary-General of the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) has presented the feedback on the seven (7) recommendations issued by the PAC of the 14th Parliament on 5 October 2022.
- V. One of the recommendations by the PAC is the seventh recommendation which clearly states that MINDEF must present the LCS construction progress report every 3 months to the PAC.

- VI. Hence, I will propose to the PAC that every 3 months, when the progress report is presented to this Committee, the PAC will issue a new report to be tabled before the Parliament.
- VII. However, the first proceeding will be known as PAC Proceeding on the Progress of the Construction of LCS from October 2022 until May 2023.
- VIII. The PAC is expected to hold its first proceeding at Boustead Naval Shipyard (BNS), which is the LCS shipbuilding company, and subsequently hold a working visit to see for ourselves the progress of the construction of LCS.
- IX. At the same time, the Deputy Chairperson, YB Wong Shu Qi and I had also paid courtesy calls to all seven Ex Officio members of the PAC, namely the Attorney General's Chamber, the Public Service Department, the Ministry of Finance, the National Audit Department, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission the Ministry of Economy and the Accountant General's Department.
- X. All the Ex Officio members of the PAC agreed for a continued close cooperation with the PAC in ensuring the transparency and credibility of this Committee continue to be strengthened.
- XI. I have also provided an explanation to all the Ex Officio members of the PAC on some of the improvements that will be made in the PAC of the 15th Parliament, particularly regarding the Controlling Officer / Secretary-General's Follow-up Action Report on the Recommendations of the PAC Report.
- XII. Besides that, I have also met YB Dato' Johari bin Abdul, the Speaker of the Dewan Rakyat last Tuesday, to get his insights on the direction of the PAC and the actionable improvements to be made by this Committee.

Thank you.

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Chairperson of the Parliament Public Accounts Committee (PAC)