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PAC MEDIA STATEMENT

<u>The Proceedings on the Management of Training Funds and the Effectiveness of the</u> <u>Human Resources Development Corporation (HRD Corp.) Training Programme</u>

- The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) held a proceeding regarding the Management of Training Funds and the Effectiveness of the Human Resources Development Corporation (HRD Corp.) Training Programme on 23 October 2023 by summoning Dato' Haji Amran bin Haji Ahmad, Deputy Secretary-General (Policy and International) of the Ministry of Human Resources (MOHR) and Datuk Wira Shahul Dawood, Chief Executive of HRD Corp.
- Following this issue not being reported in the Auditor General's Report (LKAN), the proceedings are conducted in accordance with Standing Order 77(1)(d) and 83(2) of the Dewan Rakyat, the Treasury Instruction 301 Year 2023 and Section III Article 11(b) of General Circular No. 2 (1982).
- As a result of the first proceedings, PAC decided to hold two more proceedings regarding the Management of the Training Funds and the Effectiveness of the HRD Corp. Training Programme on 1 and 2 November 2023.
- 4. The witness who will be summoned to testify and explain at the proceedings on 1 November 2023 (Wednesday) is the Ministry of Finance's representative in HRD Corp., who has been appointed by the Ministry of Finance. On 2 November 2023 (Thursday), PAC will hear the explanation from Hon. Mr. V. Sivakumar, Minister of Human Resources.
- 5. The decision to summon these two witnesses is based on their names being mentioned in the first proceedings as well as to be fair to them.

- 6. Accordingly, I request that the relevant witnesses be present to help PAC complete the investigation regarding this matter.
- 7. I would also like to explain to the media that all PAC proceedings are subject to Standing Order 85 of the Dewan Rakyat and the information obtained is under the Official Secrets Act 1972 (Act 88). In that regard, I regret the action by the SCOOP news portal on 24 October 2023 which featured an article titled "PAC is concerned about the lack of monitoring in HRD Corp" using unverified sources.
- 8. This clearly violates SO 85 and I hope that media should be more responsible by acquiring news from authentic sources.

PAC Report regarding the Progress of the Second Generation Patrol Vessel Development Project - Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) of the Royal Malaysian Navy (TLDM) Under the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) for the Period from June to September 2023

- PAC is finalising the report on the Progress of the Second Generation Patrol Vessel Development Project - Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) of the Royal Malaysian Navy (TLDM) under the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) for the period from June to September 2023.
- 10. PAC is currently in the process of preparing a report regarding this issue and we expect this report to be tabled in this meeting.

Thank you.

Hon. Datuk Wira Mas Ermieyati binti Samsudin Chairman of PAC