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STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

MALAYSIA REMAINS FIRM IN SUPPORTING THE ASEAN FIVE-POINT CONSENSUS FOR PEACEFUL AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO THE MYANMAR SITUATION

Malaysia will continue to work closely and constructively with fellow ASEAN Member States in the efforts to help Myanmar achieve a peaceful and sustainable solution to the situation in Myanmar. We underscore the need for a full and effective implementation of the Five-Point Consensus (5PC), which was adopted by the Leaders of ASEAN in April 2021.

In this respect, Malaysia supports the efforts being undertaken by ASEAN under the Chairmanship of Indonesia and through its Special Envoy as agreed to by ASEAN at its recent Foreign Ministers' Retreat in Jakarta.

In his keynote address to the Malaysia-Thailand Chamber of Commerce in Bangkok on 10 February, The Honourable Prime Minister Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim put emphasis on building "a strong consensus in giving a strong message to the Myanmar regime" to end discrimination, marginalization, intimidation and violence against the people of Myanmar. This is in line with the principle that Malaysia stands for, and will continue to promote at home and abroad.

By stating "We should carve Myanmar out for now", The Honourable Prime Minister made a solid point that the rest of ASEAN Member States nevertheless should not allow the Myanmar issue to distract us from continuing to pursue a much stronger collaboration to promote peace, security and prosperity for ASEAN and its people as envisioned for the ASEAN Community.

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