

## **NATIONAL STATEMENT**

### **THE 10<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF STATE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION**

**11 – 15 December 2023**

**Atlanta, USA**

Mr. President, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

1. With tremendous enthusiasm and profound respect, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the President and the esteemed members of the Bureau for their outstanding leadership in orchestrating the 10th session of this pivotal Conference. Under your adept guidance, I am confident that the Conference will not only meet but surpass its lofty objectives. Gratitude is also owed to the United States of America for the splendid hospitality in hosting us in the beautiful capital city of Georgia, Atlanta. Additionally, our appreciation goes to the Secretariat for their meticulous efforts in documenting this Conference.
2. Today, it is my distinct honor to stand before you on behalf of Malaysia. I wish to share insights on our collective pursuit: a more effective and collaborative fight against corruption. The Malaysian government, led by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, remains steadfast in its commitment to implementing substantial reforms, emphasizing values such as fairness, justice, and effective governance. As we stand at the crossroads of the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), and having recently marked International Anti-Corruption Day on December 9th, the COSP 10 serves as yet another crucial moment for us to unite in our determination to combat corruption.

#### **UNCAC Anniversary and International Anti-Corruption Day**

3. On 31 October 2023, the UNCAC celebrated its 20th anniversary. With nearly universal adherence, boasting 190 parties, UNCAC plays a pivotal role in uniting countries against corruption and fostering effective international cooperation. The recent celebration of International Anti-Corruption Day on December 9th and our gathering here at COSP 10 in Atlanta further exemplify our collective dedication to the fight against corruption.

## **Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC)**

4. As the sole anti-corruption agency in Malaysia, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) remains resolute and committed to investigating and taking firm action against bribery across both the public and private sectors in Malaysia. Our strong political will and effective corruption control framework have led to a firm grip on the corruption situation in Malaysia. However, we acknowledge the importance of remaining vigilant and avoiding complacency to preserve our zero-tolerance approach against corruption.

## **Malaysia Madani and Governance Reforms**

5. In commemorating his first year in office, Prime Minister introduced Malaysia Madani, or Civil Malaysia, a slogan encapsulating the vision of reforming Malaysia into a nation that upholds humanity and values such as fairness, justice, and effective governance. Emphasizing administrative matters, the Prime Minister's focus on governance aligns with our belief that the success and excellence of a country are intricately linked to good governance, especially in policy implementation.

## **National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP) 2019-2023**

6. Malaysia continues to strengthen good governance and integrity through the implementation of our 5-year National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP) 2019-2023. As we near the conclusion of this journey, substantial progress has been made in the implementation of NACP initiatives. Of the 115 initiatives initially set, 62 have been completed, involving policy, institutional, and legislative reforms. Recognizing the key role of policy, legislative, and institutional reforms, the government has decided to continue the momentum beyond 2023 with a new national strategy called National Anti-Corruption Strategies (NACS).

## **Key Decisions on Governance Reforms**

7. The 17th Special Cabinet Committee on Anti-Corruption Meeting (JKKMAR), held on July 6, 2023, marked a turning point with significant decisions on governance, integrity, and anti-corruption. The introduction of National Anti-Corruption Strategies (NACS), the strengthening of the national good governance ecosystem through MyGovernance, and the institutional reform commitments of the Special Cabinet Committee on National Governance (JKKTN) demonstrate our

commitment to transparency, accountability, and efficiency in the administration and development plan across all sectors.

### **Whistleblower Protection and Governance Empowerment**

8. Recognizing the importance of whistleblower protection, the government is in the process of amending the Whistleblower Protection Act 2010 (Act 711). The proposed amendment aims to create a more comprehensive and effective framework for protecting whistleblowers reporting on corruption and misconduct. Additionally, guidelines on managing statements of support by Members of Administration will be issued to prevent conflicts of interest and abuse of power in government administration, reducing the risk of corruption, particularly in public procurement.

### **Asset Recovery & International Cooperation**

9. I am privileged to represent Malaysia at this vital gathering to discuss the practical aspects of asset recovery, where I wish to shed light on Malaysia's unwavering commitment to combating corruption through our relentless pursuit of justice in the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) case. The establishment of the 1MDB Asset Recovery Taskforce and our collaboration with international agencies, including the United States Department of Justice, the International Anti-Corruption Coordination Center, and national authorities from various countries, exemplifies our commitment to multilateral cooperation.
10. A momentous milestone was reached in February 2023 when, in collaboration with 1MDB, an agreement was signed securing USD1.8 billion. As of May 2023, our nation has triumphantly reclaimed an impressive sum of RM28.3 billion in 1MDB assets and funds since 2018. These extraordinary achievements stand as a testament to Malaysia's steadfast commitment to upholding transparency, accountability, and the rule of law.

### **Prevention**

11. In our commitment to inclusivity, MACC has created a Hearing Disabled Site on its official website, providing exposure on corruption and serving as an efficient platform for people with hearing disabilities to report any corruption-related cases. This initiative, in partnership with the Malaysia Federation of the Deaf, signifies our dedication to ensuring that all members of society, including those with disabilities, have equal opportunities to participate in the fight against corruption.

Esteemed President, distinguished delegates, and esteemed representatives from all state parties,

12. In unity, let's inspire positive change, ensuring a future defined by ethical governance and an unyielding stance against corruption. Thank you, and may our collective efforts lead to a world where corruption is but a distant memory.