



## **ADB OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific**

Combating Corruption In the New Millennium

The Secretariat

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### **FORMAL ENDORSEMENT OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION ACTION PLAN FOR ASIA-PACIFIC (Tokyo, 30 November 2001)**

#### **MALAYSIA**

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Mr. Chairman and distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen.

Firstly, let me express my sincere gratitude to the organizers of this Conference. Our congratulations go to both the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as well as the Government of Japan for hosting the Conference. Malaysia supports this honourable effort. Indeed, we have always given our support to efforts regionally and internationally, to combat and eradicate corruption.

The Malaysian Government is committed to combat and eradicate corruption in all its forms – passive or active corruption. This commitment has been with us for a long time. We have formulated and enforced legal, administrative and social related actions to achieve these objectives, both within and outside the Government. Every effort has been made, including preventive, educational and punitive measures to create awareness and effective deterrence. In this respect, we have achieved considerable and encouraging success.

Mr. Chairman,

We view the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia Pacific as a step forward towards realizing our common goal to eradicate corruption. Although it is a non-legally binding document, it nevertheless provides workable and practical guidelines. On this basis, and on behalf of the Malaysian delegates and with the authority of the Government in Malaysia, I hereby endorse it as it is.

In relation to the three pillars for the coming year, Malaysia intends:

Firstly:

*To continuously ensure ethical and administrative codes of conduct in the public and private sectors be practised and adhered to effectively;*

Secondly:

*To adopt a more proactive enforcement strategy and to enhance efforts to trace and recover the proceeds of corruption. Likewise, we intend to keep the legislation under constant review for further improvements; and*

Thirdly:

*To undertake a National survey on the public perception of corruption in Malaysia.*

It is our belief that with tenacity, determination, effective capabilities and sound strategy, plus the co-operation of participating countries, our resolve and effort to fight and eradicate corruption will succeed. We must ensure that there will be no escape for offenders and equally no place for them to hide their ill-gotten wealth anywhere in the world.

This is the direction we are embarking on.

Thank you.