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### PRESS STATEMENT

#### INDUSTRY AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN KLANG CAN CONTINUE OPERATIONS

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The 22<sup>nd</sup> Special Session Meeting by the National Security Council (NSC) chaired by the YAB Prime Minister this morning discussed specifically the COVID-19 pandemic spread issues including the situation of new COVID-19 cases in the Klang District.

I have reported to the NSC Conference on the results of my discussion early this morning with the Selangor State Health Director, Dato' Indera Dr. Sha'ari Ngadiman in relation to the health situation in the Klang District and the proactive steps taken by the State Health Department to curb the spread of COVID-19 in Selangor. The NSC Conference gave attention to and took note of the developments and current situation including the feedback received from industry associations as well as from local and international chambers.

The State of Selangor contributes 24 percent to the entire Gross Domestic Production (GDP) of Malaysia and 30 percent to the nation's manufacturing sector. From the labour market aspect, there are almost 3.5 million employees in Selangor which constitutes 23.2 percent of the nation's labour force.

The Klang District is a major industrial activity centre and a main hub for container ports in Malaysia, contributing more than RM400 billion in trade activities in Port Klang in 2019.

Therefore, after considering the current health situation in the Klang District and the importance of ensuring economic sustainability, the MKN Conference today decided to allow all economic sectors in the Klang District to continue operations as usual with strict compliance to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Authorities have been ordered to increase SOP compliance enforcement activities to ensure the safety of employees and citizens in the Klang District.

The Government is cognizant that companies and industry including Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) have invested to create facilities and additional safety measures and health protocols in their respective business premises since the Government re-opened operations for the economic sector in early May 2020.

In this regard, MITI wishes to remind that the relevant companies and industry MUST comply with the set SOPs. Failure by a company to do so can result in operations being halted with immediate effect and legal action being taken in accordance with the current law and regulations.

This decision by the Government takes into account the need to balance the protection of the safety and health of citizens while ensuring the continuity of employment and the effort to invigorate the economy as well as to ensure there is no disruption to the supply chain such as logistics, transportation, food and beverage, and others.

In ensuring the effectiveness and sustainability of the economic recovery phase at this time, the Government emphasizes that it will not compromise in the effort to ensure the safety and health of the people.

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