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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### THE CABINET'S DECISION TO DECLASSIFY THE GOVERNANCE, PROCUREMENT AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE INQUIRY COMMITTEE (JKSTUPKK) REPORT AND THE FORENSIC AUDIT REPORT ON THE ACQUISITION OF THE LITTORAL COMBATANT SHIP (LCS) OF THE ROYAL MALAYSIAN NAVY

1. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) welcomed the Cabinet's decision to **accept the two most important recommendations by PAC** in the Littoral Combatant Ship (LCS) Acquisition Report, which are:

***Recommendation 12.1: The JKSTUPKK Report on the Acquisition of Six Second Generation Patrol Vessels (SGPV), Littoral Combatant Ships (LCS) of the Royal Malaysian Navy of the Ministry of Defence to be fully declassified; and***

***Recommendation 12.5: The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) needs to take action on all the findings of the PAC Report, the JKSTUPKK Report, and the Forensic Audit Report immediately. Prosecution should be expedited.***

2. The PAC would like to remind the Government and emphasise that the **declassification must be done comprehensively**, unlike the JKSTUPKK Report for the AES Project where many parts were **redacted** in the name of 'protecting the Government's interest'.
3. The Cabinet's proactive decision against the recommendations by the PAC proves the importance of the efforts made by this Committee to ensure that all Government's procedures and financial acquisitions are carried out accordingly to the benefit of the people and the country.
4. It also proves that **the Legislative branch is capable to play its vital role as check and balance to the Executive branch in a healthy Parliamentary Democratic system.**
5. The PAC will continue to monitor the compliance and implementation of recommendations by the PAC in other LCS Acquisition Reports by the Government.

Thank you.

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