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2.30 PETANG – 4.30 PETANG

Terima kasih Saudara/ Saudari Pengerusi Majlis.

(SALUTASI) oleh LPPKN

(A) PENDAHULUAN

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh dan Salam Malaysia
Madani

1. Alhamdulillah, bersyukur kita ke hadrat ALLAH S.W.T kerana dengan limpah kurnia dan keizinanNya, dapat kita bersama-sama hadir dalam **INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON FAMILIES AND MEGATRENDS** pada hari ini.
2. Pertamanya, saya ingin menzahirkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan terima kasih kepada semua yang hadir. Memandangkan forum kita pada hari ini turut disertai oleh wakil daripada *Doha International Family Institute* (DIFI) dan *International Federation for Family Development* (IFFD) dan pakar-pakar antarabangsa, izinkan saya untuk meneruskan ucapan di dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

3. First of all, on behalf of the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, I would like to wish a very warm welcome or as we say here “Selamat Datang” to our representative from United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), International Federation for Family Development (IFFD) and Doha International Family Institute (DIFI) to Malaysia.

4. On behalf of Malaysia, I must express my gratitude and honour at having been given the opportunity to host the Expert Group Meeting in conjunction with the Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the International Year of Family (IYF) 2024.

(B) INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON FAMILIES AND MEGATRENDS

5. Today, as we come together to explore how megatrends are influencing families within our rapidly transforming society, recognizing the fundamental role families hold in shaping our future is crucial.

6. Megatrends such as migration, urbanisation, advancements in technology, demographic shifts (including ageing populations and fluctuating fertility rates), and climate change significantly affect families globally. These changes call for flexible caregiving

arrangements and updated financial plans, highlighting the essential role families play in adapting and guiding through these global shifts to ensure societal harmony. The influence of technology on families encompasses both opportunities and challenges, from enhanced access to information and the gap in technological access and regulating time spent on screens.

7. The family component has also been taken into account under the national development agenda (The Twelfth Malaysia Plan - RMK12) that aims to address current issues and at the same time to restart and rejuvenate Malaysia's socioeconomic development for long-term sustainability and prosperity.

8. I believe, the panellists have already addressed the connections between major trends affecting families in today's rapidly evolving world, especially emphasizing the profound impact of megatrends like technology, globalization, and demographic changes on family dynamics. Examining these connections will enhance our comprehension of the intricate interplay between large-scale trends and the wellbeing of families, leading to the development of knowledgeable policies and strategies that support and strengthen families in the face of ongoing societal transformations.

**(C) THE CELEBRATION OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FAMILY**

Honorable guests, distinguished participants, ladies and gentlemen,

9. This year, The world will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the International Year of Family (IYF) 2024. This milestone serves as a reminder of the enduring importance of families in our society and the need to continue championing their well-being and empowerment.

10. The International Year of Family was first proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1994, recognizing the crucial role that families play in shaping individuals, communities, and societies. Over the past three decades, this global initiative has served as a catalyst for promoting family-oriented policies, programs, and initiatives that support the well-being and resilience of families worldwide.

11. As we reflect on the achievements and progress made since the inception of the International Year of Family, it is essential to acknowledge the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. In an increasingly interconnected and fast-paced world, families face

numerous complex issues, from economic pressures to the advancement of technologies, that require innovative solutions and collaborative efforts.

12. In conjunction with the International Year of Family, Malaysia has launched various initiatives to support and strengthen families in the country which aims to strengthen family well-being and create a supportive environment for families to thrive in the country. Some of the key initiatives are:

- a. **Family-friendly Policies:** The government has implemented National Family Policy and its Plan of Action. The policy is centered on promoting family well-being, anchored in core family values like care, honesty, justice, and equality, transcending status, gender, and age differences. Furthermore, it serves to motivate key stakeholders to adopt a 'family perspective,' guaranteeing that programs, services, and family-oriented facilities are widely available to the public.

- b. **Family Support Services:** We have established a range of family support services, including counselling and therapy,

parenting and marriage enrichment workshops, and financial assistance programs to help families navigate challenges and build stronger relationships.

- c. **Family Education Programs:** We have also developed family education programs to provide parents with knowledge and skills that is needed to raise healthy and happy children. These programs cover topics such as parenting techniques, child development, and communication within the family.

d. **Community Engagement:** We encourage community involvement in supporting families through initiatives such as family resource centres, community-based activities, and support groups that provide a network of assistance and resources for families in need.

e. **Advocacy and Awareness Campaigns:** We have created awareness about the importance of family well-being through advocacy campaigns, public awareness programs, and events that highlight the role of families in society and promote positive family values. The continuous strategic collaboration network,

by empowering the role of Non-Governmental Organizations, also expands the programs and services that strengthen family ties in Malaysia.

(D) CONCLUSION

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14. From this forum, we hope to inspire a united effort to turn the challenges posed by megatrends into opportunities for strengthening families and society. By leveraging technology, confronting climate change, and adapting to demographic shifts, we

aim to bolster resilience and inclusivity. This gathering is a call to action, encouraging innovative approaches that not only address these global shifts but also harness them to enhance community cohesion and promote sustainable growth for future generations.

15. Realizing that megatrends are among the main issues that give impact to our life, Malaysia will continue to commit to multiply efforts in strengthening the family well-being.

16. Before we end the forum today, I would like to congratulate the organisers Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development (MWFCD), National Population and Family Development Board (LPPKN), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), International Federation for Family Development (IFFD) and Doha International Family Institute (DIFI) for making this meeting and forum a success.

I conclude this speech by quoting a famous line from a beloved children's cartoon.

“Ohana means family, family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten.”

Sekian, wabillahitaufik walhidayah.

Wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.