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CLOSING REMARKS

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**CLOSING PLENARY SESSION FOR THE MALAYSIA PAVILION
AT UNFCCC-COP29**

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**THE COLONY @ STAR BOULEVARD KLCC,
KUALA LUMPUR**

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, good afternoon and Salam Malaysia Madani.

1. **YBhg. Datuk Nor Yahati Awang**

Deputy Secretary General (Environmental Sustainability), NRES

2. **YBrs. Ir. Ts. Shamsul Bahar Mohd Nor**

Group CEO of MGTC

3. Representatives from the ministries, private sector, NGOs and our strategic partners

4. PEMANDU team

5. Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

INTRODUCTION

1. It is an honour to address you today as we prepare for COP29, a pivotal moment for Malaysia and all 198 parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Our recent Focus Group Discussion has highlighted the crucial role that planning plays in ensuring our initiatives at COP29 are impactful and meaningful. The insights gathered from this discussion will be the foundation upon which we build our Pavilion, reflecting our commitment to sustainability and climate action.

THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION

2. We need to prioritise inclusive participation across all clusters to make this the most meaningful Malaysia Pavilion ever. Each voice in our diverse community adds a unique perspective that can refine our initiatives and activities.

Together, we can create a cohesive narrative that aligns with our overarching theme: shift to sustainability, climate action now.

3. Over the past two weeks, new patterns of opportunities have emerged across the different clusters. We want to make sure we can position Malaysia as a beautiful nation to work with in realising some of the climate actions moving forward.

ASEAN LEADERSHIP AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MALAYSIA PAVILION

4. As we hold the chairmanship of ASEAN next year, we are responsible for setting the right precedent in driving transboundary collaboration. A win for ASEAN is indeed a win for Malaysia. Our Pavilion at COP29 will serve as a testament to our leadership, showcasing our innovative approaches towards sustainable development. Clarity on our intended outcomes will be vital.
5. By working collaboratively, we position Malaysia as a serious player in climate action. Our objectives and outcomes at COP29 must be clear and measurable. As Malaysia prepares for COP29, we must focus on the key priorities that will guide our efforts:
 - a. Strengthening Climate Commitments: We must advocate for ambitious targets that align with commitment. It is crucial that our pledge is not only ambitious but also actionable.
 - b. Climate Finance: We must ensure that developing countries, including those within ASEAN, have access to the necessary resources and technology to tackle their unique challenges.

- c. Just Transition: The transition to net zero is not just essential; it is an opportunity for economic growth and job creation.
 - d. Fostering Regional Cooperation: As ASEAN chair, we have a responsibility to collaborate. By leveraging our collective strengths and resources, we can amplify our voices and advocate for solutions that benefit the entire region.
6. Most importantly, success at COP29 is not merely a destination but the foundation for continued achievements at COP30 and beyond. The momentum we build now will define our trajectory in the global arena.

Ladies and gentlemen,

LOOKING AHEAD

7. I am excited to share that as part of our preparations for COP29, the Ministry will be hosting a Climate Change Forum: Path to COP29 on 30th September 2024. This forum will serve as a vital platform for discussing key issues and strategies as we move forward in our climate agenda.
8. Following this, we will also hold the soft launch of the Malaysia Pavilion at IGEM on 9th October 2024, before we head to COP. The soft launch will provide an opportunity for us to engage in meaningful discussions and build momentum as we approach COP29.
9. I also want to applaud the clusters and their leads for taking ownership of the narrative and initiatives featured at COP29. Your efforts are not just appreciated; they are essential to our success.
10. In closing, I look forward to seeing every one of you in Baku. Let us continue to work together to ensure that Malaysia not only meets its climate commitments but leads by example in the pursuit of sustainability. Thank you.