



MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

MEDIA STATEMENT

DEPOSIT OF RATIFICATION FOR THE ILO PROTOCOL ON FORCED LABOUR

1. I will undertake a working visit to Geneva, Switzerland to **deposit the ratification of the ILO Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention (Protocol 29)**. This protocol is a supplementary protocol to the Forced Labour Convention (Convention 29) which was ratified by Malaysia in 1957.
2. The ratification of Protocol 29 is a testament of the Government's commitment to address forced labour issue in all sectors of work particularly in the rubber glove manufacturing sector and palm oil plantation sector which has been associated with forced labour practices as of late.
3. The Protocol 29 outlines the country's obligation to take effective measures in the aspect of legislation, policy and programmes to address and eradicate forced labour. The ratification of this protocol will also serve as a guidance to the Government to prevent and eliminate forced labour practices in line with the international labour standards.
4. The Ministry of Human Resources have conducted various engagement sessions with relevant Ministries and Government Agencies as a preparation to ratify Protocol 29. Further, engagement sessions were also held with various stakeholders such as the employers, trade unions, civil society organizations and other international organizations.
5. Malaysia will also officially join the United Nations Alliance 8.7 as a Pathfinder Country which consists of countries that have officially state their commitment to develop and put into practice the legislation, policy and action plan to eradicate forced labour and child labour. The participation as Pathfinder Country

is part of the national effort to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal Target 8.7, and to become a benchmark in the efforts to eradicate forced labour, child labour and trafficking in persons.

6. The ratification of ILO Protocol 29 and participation in the Alliance 8.7 will also have positive impact in Malaysia's tier ranking in the annual Trafficking in Persons Report, as well as other human rights platform. Malaysia also stands to acquire technical assistance from United Nations and ILO in awareness raising, capacity building and access to good practices from other Pathfinder countries.
7. Upon returning from this working visit, I am expected to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on Indonesian Domestic Worker with my counterpart, Hon Ida Fauziyah, Minister of Manpower Indonesia in Jakarta early April 2022.

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