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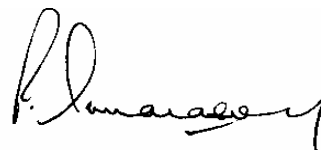
Press Statement

UN Convention Against Corruption to come into force on December 14, 2005

We are pleased to note that with Equador's ratification of the UN Convention Against Corruption yesterday, being the 30th, the same Convention will come into force on December 14, 2005. This is the first international treaty designed to help member States to combat corruption in both public and private sectors. That it is to come into force within two years of adoption by the General Assembly shows member State's determination to fight this evil globally.

The UN should now set in place a monitoring mechanism to monitor implementation and provide technical assistance to member States in the implementation exercise.

Recently the Attorney General, Tan Sri Ghani Patail, assured me that Malaysia will ratify the Convention early next year. With the Prime Minister's commitment to combat corruption Malaysia should not delay in the ratification process and thereafter take positive measures to implement the Convention domestically. We would assist the Government in everyway in the implementation process.



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