## THE MALAYSIA NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (MANCPEC) ROUNDTABLE ON 'APEC POST-2020 AGENDA'

## 02 MAY 2017, ISIS MALAYSIA, 10.00 AM-12.00 NOON

Recent economic and political developments reinforce the need for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) to be strengthened as a regional institution. An essential part of this strengthening relates to APEC's 1994 Bogor Goals of achieving "free and open trade and investment" by 2020. APEC's Bogor Goals Dashboard (November 2016) highlighted some successes but also many remaining challenges. For example, while tariff rates are much lower relative to that in the 1990s, there is an increasing trend of the applications of non-tariff measures by APEC Member Economies. Apart from the expiry of the Bogor Goals, year 2020 is also a crucial year for Malaysia since it will be the host country for APEC in 2020.

MANCPEC Roundtable on the APEC Post-2020 Agenda therefore intends to discuss APEC goals beyond 2020 and provide inputs for Malaysian Senior Officials and Ministers in the preparation towards APEC 2020. What should APEC goals be beyond year 2020? Should APEC continue with its present voluntary and non-binding approach or move towards a more concerted and comprehensive one such as the Free Trade Area for the Asia Pacific (FTAAP)? How could Malaysia be better prepared towards its APEC Chairmanship in 2020? What are the possible themes of APEC Malaysia 2020?

10.00 – 10.05 am Welcoming Remarks

Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa

Chairman & Chief Executive, ISIS Malaysia

Chairman, MANCPEC

Panel Discussion

Moderator:

**Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa** 

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Speakers:

10.05 – 10.20 am Datin Che Mazni Che Wook

Malaysia's APEC Senior Official Leader

10.20 – 10.35 am Dato' Muhamad Noor Yacob

Former APEC Executive Director

Discussants:

10.35-10.45 am Dato' N Vasudevan

Former Malaysia's APEC Senior Official Leader

10.45-10.55 am Dato' Ramesh Kodammal

ASEAN-BAC Member and Chairman of Goldtex Group of Companies

10.55 – 12.00noon Open Discussion