

5. Let me start by reminding this conference that our country has a constitution. We have always been careful to act within the constitution. All laws are made consistent with the provisions of the constitution. The Government is an elected Government; the Dewan Rakyat is an elected legislative body; the judiciary is completely independent; the executive is answerable to parliament and the people. The constitution guarantees fundamental liberties, although in certain cases and under certain circumstances? they can be restricted. Let us not forget that before and after independence, there was