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His Excellency Nguyen Dy Nien
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Socialist Republic of Vietnam,

Members of the Vietnamese and Malaysian Delegations

Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to both sides for bringing this Meeting to a successful conclusion. Once again, we have reached yet another milestone in our bilateral relations and I believe we owe our success to the excellent relations and mutual understanding shared between Malaysia and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

2. I am delighted that we have successfully reached agreement and understanding on all issues in the agenda. This goes to reflect the extent of the deep commitment and close cooperation between us. I would like to reiterate Malaysia's readiness to expand and intensify cooperation especially in trade and investment, defense, banking, finance, science and technology sectors.

3. The decision which we have reached at this meeting would provide us with a clear direction for both sides to formulate firm plan of actions to further enhance and consolidate our bilateral relations. Let me assure Your Excellency that Malaysia, on our part, would undertake the necessary follow-up actions.

4. I would also wish to express my satisfaction with the results of our Meeting by emphasizing Malaysia's commitment to the JCM as an important and useful mechanism for us to strengthen bilateral cooperation between our two countries.

5. I look forward to our Fifth Joint Commission Meeting in Malaysia to review the progress and perhaps to pave the way for new cooperation in other fields.

6. On behalf of the Malaysian delegation and on my own behalf, I wish to once again thank Your Excellency and the Government of Vietnam for the generous hospitality extended to us throughout our stay. We are certainly looking forward to meet you in Malaysia.

Thank you.