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PRESS STATEMENT

KUALA LUMPUR (19 JANUARY 2023) – The Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) welcomes the Government's commitment to establish the Children's Commission as an independent statutory body to protect and preserve children's rights in Malaysia. The establishment of the Commission is a positive step towards preserving the dignify life of children, in line with the principles of Malaysia Madani as highlighted by YAB Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

SUHAKAM hopes that the newly established Commission will be able to deal with issues related to children, including aspects of survival, protection, development and participation of children. Therefore, an adequate allocations and human resources is vital for the Commission to carry out the responsibilities and mandate given. In order to ensure the protection of children's best interests, the Commission must have a broad jurisdiction and clear mandate.

Children are vulnerable to human rights violations such as maltreatment, sexual crimes, abuse and exploitation. Hence, the establishment of this Commission is a step in the right direction with Malaysia's position as a State party to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) that responsible to preserve the safety and well-being of children.

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