Joint Press Statement on the Case concerning Land Reclamation by Singapore in and around the Straits of Johor

CASE CONCERNING LAND RECLAMATION BY SINGAPORE IN AND AROUND THE STRAITS OF JOHOR (MALAYSIA v SINGAPORE)

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

JOINT PRESS STATEMENT

Foreign Affairs of Singapore.

- 1. The Governments of Malaysia and Singapore signed a Settlement Agreement in the Case Concerning Land Reclamation by Singapore In and Around the Straits of Johor, in a ceremony on 26 April 2005 hosted by Singapore. The Agreement was signed by Tan Sri Ahmad Fuzi Hj Abdul Razak and Professor Tommy Koh, the respective Agents of the Malaysian and Singapore Governments. The signing was witnessed by HE Dato' Seri Syed Hamid Albar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, and HE George Yeo, Minister for
- 2. The Settlement Agreement represents a full and final resolution of the bilateral dispute between Malaysia and Singapore over the latter's reclamation works. The Agreement, which has been approved by the Malaysian and Singapore Governments, is a fair and balanced outcome reached amicably through a series of negotiations.
- 3. Under the Agreement, both Governments undertake to carry out various mitigating measures, pursuant to the recommendations of a group of independent experts (GOE) appointed by both Governments to study the impact of Singapore's reclamation works.
- 4. The signing of the Settlement Agreement brings the dispute to a close. Malaysia and Singapore will jointly apply to the arbitration tribunal for the terms of the Agreement to constitute the final Award of the tribunal in the arbitration.

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