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STATEMENT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER OF THE SUPREME COURT

In accordance with Article 94(4) of the Constitution, the Prime Minister after consulting the Chief Justice has advised the President to appoint Mr Michael Hwang as a Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court for a period of one year with effect from 1 June 1991.

The appointment is in accordance with the Chief Justice's programme to restructure the Supreme Court Bench, by making short-term appointments of Judicial Commissioners to facilitate the disposal of business in the Supreme Court. Under this programme, it is also envisaged that Judges will be appointed in future from those who have had experience as Judicial Commissioners.

Mr Michael Hwang, 47 was born in Sydney, Australia. After receiving his early education in Singapore, he read law at Pembroke College, Oxford University as an Open College Scholar. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in Law in 1965, after being awarded College Merit Prizes in 1963 and 1964, and he became a Bachelor of Civil Law in 1966. After a stint as a Teaching Fellow with the Law Faculty of the University of Sydney, he was called to the English Bar by Grays Inn in 1968 and in the same year was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor in Singapore. He has

been in private practice since then with the law firm of Allen & Gledhill, becoming a partner in 1972. He has been a part-time lecturer and examiner in the Faculty of Law at the National University of Singapore for many years, and has frequently contributed articles and papers to conferences and seminars both in Singapore and internationally. He will be returning to private practice with Allen & Gledhill after the expiry of his appointment.

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