PRESS STATEMENT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER ON CHANGES TO CABINET AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

The Prime Minister will make several changes to his Cabinet and other appointments. The changes will take effect from 1 April 2008, unless otherwise stated. An updated tabulation of Cabinet members and other officer holders and their portfolios is at Annex A.

CHANGES TO MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

Professor S. Jayakumar will relinquish his appointment as Minister for Law with effect from 1 May 2008. He will continue as Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security. He will continue to oversee foreign policy matters which cut across different ministries and remain in charge of foreign policy issues which involve legal negotiation or international adjudication. He will also continue to chair an Inter-Ministerial Committee on Climate Change.

Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam will relinquish his appointment as Minister for Education and continue as Minister for Finance.

Dr Ng Eng Hen will relinquish his appointment as Minister for Manpower, and will be appointed as Minister for Education. He will continue as Second Minister for Defence.

Dr Vivian Balakrishnan will relinquish his appointment as Second Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts. He will continue as Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports.

NEW OFFICE-HOLDER

Mr K. Shanmugam will be appointed Minister for Law, taking over from Professor S. Jayakumar, and will concurrently be appointed as Second Minister for Home Affairs. His appointment will take effect from 1 May 2008.

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APPOINTMENT AS ACTING MINISTER

Mr Gan Kim Yong will be promoted to Senior Minister of State. He will relinquish his appointment in Education, and will be appointed as the Acting Minister for Manpower.

PROMOTIONS AND CHANGES TO MINISTERS OF STATE

Dr Balaji Sadasivan will relinquish his appointment as Senior Minister of State in the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts. He will continue as Senior Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr Heng Chee How will relinquish his appointment as Minister of State in the Ministry of Health, and will be appointed Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, assisting Mr Lim Boon Heng, the Minister in charge of ageing issues, on re-employment of older workers and active ageing programmes.

Mrs Lim Hwee Hua will be promoted to Senior Minister of State, and will keep her appointments in the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Transport.

Mr S. Iswaran will be promoted to Senior Minister of State, and will continue in the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Ms Grace Fu will be promoted to Senior Minister of State, and will be appointed in the Ministry of Education, concurrently with her present appointment in the Ministry of National Development.

RAdm (NS) Lui Tuck Yew will be promoted to Senior Minister of State and will be appointed in the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts, concurrently with his present appointment in the Ministry of Education.

PROMOTIONS AND CHANGES TO PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

Mr Hawazi Daipi will be appointed as Senior Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Health, concurrently with his present appointment in the Ministry of Manpower.

Mr Masagos Zulkifli will be appointed as Senior Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs, concurrently with his present appointment in the Ministry of Education.

Mr Teo Ser Luck will be promoted to Senior Parliamentary Secretary, and will be appointed in the Ministry of Transport, concurrently with his present appointment in the Ministry of Community Development, Youth & Sports.

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ANNEX A

CABINET AND OTHER OFFICE HOLDERS

MINISTRY	MINISTER	MINISTER OF STATE	PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE			
Prime Minister's Office	Mr Lee Hsien Loong (Prime Minister) Mr Goh Chok Tong (Senior Minister) Mr Lee Kuan Yew (Minister Mentor) Prof S Jayakumar (Deputy Prime Minister & Coordinating Minister for National Security) Mr Wong Kan Seng (Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Home Affairs) Mr Lim Boon Heng Mr Lim Swee Say	Mr Heng Chee How #	

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SECURITY AND DEFENCE			
Law	Mr K Shanmugam # * [wef 1 May 08]	A/P Ho Peng Kee * (Senior Minister of State)	
Home Affairs	Mr Wong Kan Seng (Deputy Prime Minister) Mr K Shanmugam # * [wef 1 May 08] (Second Minister)	A/P Ho Peng Kee * (Senior Minister of State)	Mr Masagos Zulkifli # * (Senior Parliamentary Secretary)
Foreign Affairs	Mr George Yong-Boon Yeo Mr Raymond Lim Siang Keat * (Second Minister)	Dr Balaji Sadasivan (Senior Minister of State) Mr Zainul Abidin Rasheed * (Senior Minister of State)	
Defence	Mr Teo Chee Hean Dr Ng Eng Hen * (Second Minister)	A/P Koo Tsai Kee (Minister of State)	

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ECONOMICS			
Finance	Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam	Mrs Lim Hwee Hua + * (Senior Minister of State)	
Transport	Mr Raymond Lim *	Mrs Lim Hwee Hua + * (Senior Minister of State)	Mr Teo Ser Luck # + * (Senior Parliamentary Secretary)
Trade and Industry	Mr Lim Hng Kiang	Mr S Iswaran + (Senior Minister of State) Mr Lee Yi Shyan (Minister of State)	
Information, Communications and the Arts	Dr Lee Boon Yang	RAdm (NS) Lui Tuck Yew # + * (Senior Minister of State)	
Manpower	Mr Gan Kim Yong # + (Senior Minister of State / Acting Minister)		Mr Hawazi Daipi * (Senior Parliamentary Secretary)

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SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENT			
National Development	Mr Mah Bow Tan	Ms Grace Fu Hai Yien + * (Senior Minister of State)	Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman (Parliamentary Secretary)
The Environment and Water Resources	A/P Yaacob Ibrahim @		Dr Amy Khor Lean Suan * (Senior Parliamentary Secretary)
Health	Mr Khaw Boon Wan		Mr Hawazi Daipi # * (Senior Parliamentary Secretary)
Education	Dr Ng Eng Hen # *	RAdm (NS) Lui Tuck Yew + * (Senior Minister of State) Ms Grace Fu Hai Yien # + * (Senior Minister of State)	Mr Masagos Zulkifli * (Senior Parliamentary Secretary)
Community Development Youth and Sports	Dr Vivian Balakrishnan	Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon (Minister of State)	Mr Teo Ser Luck + * (Senior Parliamentary Secretary)

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MAYORS			
South East CDC	Mr Matthias Yao Chih		
North West CDC	Dr Teo Ho Pin		
Central Singapore CDC	Mr Zainudin Nordin		
North East CDC	Mr Zainul Abidin Rasheed *		
South West CDC	Dr Amy Khor Lean Suan *		

New appointment

* Double appointments

+ Promotion

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@ Minister Yaacob Ibrahim will also be responsible for Muslim affairs.