CLOSING REMARKS

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[Salutations]

- 1. Assalamualaikum w.b.t. and a very good evening to all esteemed guests and international and Malaysian delegates gathered here at the closing ceremony of the Malaysia Pavilion.
- 2. Malaysia Pavilion is a medium of soft diplomacy, which we aim to tell the compelling stories of Malaysia's efforts and progress in combating climate change. Embraced by the theme "Going Beyond: Green Growth, Resilient Community, and Sustainable Planet," our collective journey over the past 11 days has been nothing short of extraordinary. We have proudly exhibited the results of our combined efforts, firmly anchored in a comprehensive whole-of-nation approach
 - 3. I am deeply honored to share with you a momentous occasion that has left an historic mark on our pavilion the official launch by His Majesty Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong on 1 December 2023. The royal presence signifies the highest level of commitment to address climate change and the urgency which we must act.

- 4. This pavilion has successfully hosted over 28 panel discussions, showcasing insights from more than 60 speakers. I am delighted to announce that we have welcomed over 3000 visitors from every corner of the globe.
- 5. This pavilion has indeed become a witness to the strength of collaboration and partnership, exemplified through the exchange of Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs). The partnership between the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) and Masdar, resulting in a remarkable USD 8 billion investment into renewable energy projects will helps Malaysia to achieve our aspirations as net zero nation. Building on this momentum, the exchange of MoUs with key players such as TNB, Malakoff, Cypark, Citaglobal, UEM and many other local companies further amplify our collective dedication to position Malaysia as a frontrunner in the global transition to renewable energy.
- 6. Our mission here extends beyond the pavilion, and we have actively engaged in bilateral meetings to secure collaborative efforts. We recognize the need for financial assistance to fuel our initiatives, for capacity building to empower our endeavours and for collaboration to amplify our impact.

Ladies and gentleman,

- Our journey here has not yet ended as COP28 is expected to wrap up its work on Tuesday. Our negotiation team is still at the negotiation hall, ensuring that the decision will be based on our agreed principles, common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. In echoing the minister's national statement on 9th December during the Resume High Level Segment, I emphasize that Malaysia are ready to elevate our initiatives and climate ambition with increased financial support and technical assistance.
- 8. Through our cultural exchange, we have had the privilege of showcasing our local narrative to combat pollution through the captivating performances of our 'Wayang Kulit' group, represented by "Sang RE" and "Sang EE". We proudly offer our pulled tea or "teh tarik", ensuring that our audience will also immerses themselves in the diverse and multiracial essence that characterizes Malaysia.
- 9. To all the visitors who graced us with your presence, thank you for taking this journey with us. Your curiosity, enthusiasm, and engagement have added vibrancy to our pavilion, turning it into a space of dialogue and shared experiences.
- 10. A special appreciation goes to our sponsors and partners, contributors, speakers, members of Climate Change Advisory and Consultative Panel and the dedicated team behind the scenes from NRECC, MGTC and BCG. Your tireless efforts have transformed this pavilion into a hub of inspiration and collaboration.

Ladies and gentleman,

- 11. In the spirit of unity, let us carry forward the lessons learned, the memories shared, and the dreams envisioned within these walls. Our pavilion might be closing, but the chapters of collaboration, innovation, and exchange continue to unfold after COP28.
- 12. On behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change, once again I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all who have contributed to this remarkable showcase – from policymakers to state government, from industry leaders to community advocates. Thank you for being a part of this incredible 'going beyond' journey.
- 13. Kepada rakyat Malaysia yang akan pulang ke tanah air, semoga selamat kembali ke tanah air dan Insyaallah kita akan berjumpa lagi di Malaysia dan pada COP yang akan datang.
- 14. On this note, I am pleased to announce the closing of the Malaysia Pavilion at COP28.

Thank you.