INTERNATIONAL CALL TO SEEK JUSTICE FOR ANWAR IBRAHIM AND RESTORE DEMOCRACY IN MALAYSIA

The Committee,

Recognises Anwar Ibrahim as a Malaysian statesman, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and a prominent moderate Muslim leader who has dedicated his political life to defend democracy, uphold the rule of law and sought social justice for all.

Recalls that Anwar Ibrahim was finance minister and deputy prime minister of Malaysia when he was dismissed from government in 1998. Upon his dismissal, Anwar was arrested, beaten and jailed for six years on politically motivated and trumped up charges.

Recalls that Anwar Ibrahim led the opposition coalition to an unprecedented electoral success in Malaysia's general elections in 2013, winning 51% of the popular vote.

Recalls that Anwar Ibrahim's unjust imprisonment on 10 February 2015 based on politically motivated charges has been widely condemned internationally, and Amnesty International has adopted Anwar Ibrahim as a prisoner of conscience.

Believes that the conviction and imprisonment of Anwar Ibrahim was the outcome of an ongoing political conspiracy to end Anwar Ibrahim's political life and to deprive the opposition of its parliamentary leader in Malaysia.

Resolves to call on the international community to pressure the government of Malaysia to uphold the rule of law, and to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms of its citizens.

Demands the government of Malaysia to immediately and unconditionally release Anwar Ibrahim from prison.

Signatories,

The Honorable Dr. Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie, Former President of The Republic of Indonesia

The Honorable Abdullah Gül, Former President of the Republic of Turkey

The Honorable Albert Gore, Former Vice President of The United States of America, Nobel Laureate

The Honorable Mayor Joseph Ejercito Estrada, Former President of the Philippines

The Honorable James Gordon Brown, Former Prime Minister of The United Kingdom

Sheikh Rashid al-Ghannushi, Intellectual leader of the Ennahdah Movement Tunisia