



JOINT STATEMENT

JOINT STATEMENT ON THE RESUMPTION OF FREE TRADE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

Following the announcement by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Prime Minister of Malaysia YAB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, we welcome the relaunch of negotiations for an EU-Malaysia Free Trade Agreement, marking the beginning of an important upgrade to our trade relationship and the integration of our two economies.

These negotiations come at a crucial moment. In today's shifting geopolitical landscape, it is essential to build new partnerships, foster collaboration, and explore fresh opportunities. Through these talks, we are doing just that.

A modern and dynamic free trade agreement will bring mutual benefits, opening doors to new business opportunities and enhancing the resilience of our supply chains.

We feel encouraged by our discussion in Brussels earlier (on 19 January) and look forward to a productive first round of negotiations in the coming months.

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