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PRESS STATEMENT

KUALA LUMPUR (4 DECEMBER 2019) - The Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) wishes to express its disappointment at the decision to defer the reading of the Independent Police Complaints and Misconduct Commission 2019 (IPCMC) Bill to the next Dewan Rakyat meeting without any satisfactory reason being given.

SUHAKAM believes that, following the recommendation for the creation of an IPCMC first made by the Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) To Enhance The Operation and Management of the Royal Malaysian Police in 2005, the drafting and passing of this Bill is long overdue.

SUHAKAM has made recommendations regarding the content of the Bill and has been closely monitoring its development. The IPCMC is vital to the improvement of accountability amongst the police and provides a system of checks and balances as an oversight mechanism. It should also provide safeguards against police misconduct and abuse of power, especially in suspected cases of torture, death in custody and enforced disappearance.

SUHAKAM hopes that its recommendations will be reflected in the IPCMC Bill and that there will be no further delays in the passing of this Bill.

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**Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM)
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