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THE MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE CROWN OF
BRUNEI

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By the Grace of God, We, Omar Ali Saifuddin Wasa'dul Khairi Waddin, ibni Almarhum Sultan Sir Mohamed Jemal-ul Alam, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of the State and Territory of Brunei and all its Dependencies, Honorary Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,

WHEREAS We are desirous of making provision for the giving from time to time of due and proper honour or reward to such dearly-beloved the trusty Members of Our Family, to such Foreign Princes and to such other persons as merit honour or reward from Our Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, We according to Our Will and Pleasure, in exercise of Our Royal Rights and Prerogatives as Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of this Our State and Territory of Brunei and all its Dependencies, and with the Knowledge and Concurrence of Our Chiefs and Councillors and Advisers, by these presents create and constitute an Order of Exalted and Honourable Rank, to be called and styled "The Most Honourable Order of the Crown of Brunei" (Darjah Mahkota Brunei Yang Amat Mulia) and to have as its peculiar Seal a Seal in the Form and Pattern illustrated and described in the Appendix hereto.

OMAR ALI SAIFUDDIN WASA'DUL
KHAIRI WADDIN

SEAL OF
CROWN ORDER

By the Grace of God, We, Omar Ali Saifuddin Wasa'dul Khairi Waddin, ibni Almarhum Sultan Sir Mohamed Jemal-ul Alam, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of the State and Territory of Brunei and all its Dependencies, Honorary Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Sovereign and Chief of the Most Honourable Order of the Crown of Brunei, to all whom these presents shall come, GREETING —

WHEREAS on the 1st day of March, 1954, exercising Our Royal Rights and Prerogatives as Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of this Our State and Territory of Brunei and all its Dependencies, and with the Knowledge and Concurrence of Our Chiefs and Councillors and Advis-

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ers, We were pleased to create and constitute an Order of Exalted and Esteemed Rank, to be called and styled the Most Honourable Order of the Crown of Brunei (Darjah Mahkota Brunei Yang Amat Mulia).

And WHEREAS Our Royal Commands respecting the Creation and Establishment by Us of the said Most Honourable Order were Notified and Made Known to Our Subjects according to the Customs of Our Country, to wit, by a Notification published in the Government *Gazette* on the day aforesaid:

And WHEREAS it is Our Will and Pleasure that Members shall have and enjoy Statutes and Ordinances for their Guidance in availing themselves of the said Most Honourable Order, to the Glory God and for the Welfare of Our Country:

NOW, THEREFORE, by these Presents, Sealed with the Seal of the said Most Honourable Order, We do make, Ordain and Establish and have hereby Made, Ordained and Established the following Statutes and Ordinances, declaring that solely to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Sultans of the State and Territory of Brunei and all its Dependencies, Sovereigns and Chiefs of the said Most Honourable Order, doth and shall belong all power of Abrogating, Explaining, Amending or Adding to the said Statutes or any particular therein.

It is Our Royal Pleasure to Ordain, Direct and Appoint as follows:

1. This Order shall be styled and Designated the Most Honourable Order of the Crown of Brunei, and the Motto of the said Order shall be —

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(Berkekalan sekalian kebajikan dengan dapat pertunjuk.)

2. The said Most Honourable Order shall consist of the Sovereign and 3 several Classes of Members.

3. We, Our Heirs and Successors, Sultans of the State and Territory of Brunei and of all its Dependencies, are and for ever shall be Sovereigns and Chiefs of the said Most Honourable Order.

4. The 3 Classes of Members of this Honourable Order shall be styled and Designated respectively —

Grand Commanders,	(Dato Seri Paduka)
Commanders,	(Dato Paduka) and
Companions.	(Setia)

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5. The Ordinary Members of the First Class, or Dato Seri Paduka, shall not for the time being exceed 6 in number.

6. The Ordinary Members of the Second Class or Dato Paduka (Commanders) shall not for the time being exceed 10 in number.

7. The Ordinary Members of the Third Class or Setia (Companions) shall not for the time being exceed 20 in number.

8. The Ordinary Members of the said Order shall consist of Foreign Princes whom We may consider fit and proper to invite and who may do Us and the Order the honour to accept and join the Order, and of Foreign Persons upon whom We may think fit to confer the Order, and every such Honorary Member shall be additional and not included within the numbers of Ordinary Members prescribed for the several Classes above.

9. The Persons to be admitted as Ordinary Members of this Most Honourable Order shall be those who may have held or shall hereafter hold High and Confidential Offices, or may have rendered or shall hereafter have rendered Extraordinary or Important services to Us, or those whose Talents, Virtues, Loyalty or services have merited or may hereafter merit Our Royal Favour; or any other persons now are or hereafter may be appointed Officers of the said Most Honourable Order.

10. The Habits, Robes, Decorations and Insignia of the Sovereign and of the several Classes of Members of the said Most Honourable Order and the Badges or Insignia of the Officers, shall be respectively of the patterns illustrated and described in the Appendix to those Statutes.

11. In the event of any Member of the said Most Honourable Order resigning his Rank as a Member of this Order, or of any Officer resigning his Office, he shall forthwith return his Decorations and Insignia: and on the promotion of a Member of the said Order to a higher class therein, he shall likewise immediately return the Insignia previously worn by him to the Secretary of the said Most Honourable Order.

12. On the decease of any Ordinary Member of the said Most Honourable Order, his Insignia shall be returned to the Secretary of the said Most Honourable Order by his heirs or representatives unless they shall receive a written intimation from the Chancellor of the said Most Honourable Order, that it is the Gracious Pleasure of the Sovereign to permit their Retention by the heir or heirs of the deceased Member as a Mark of Royal Affection and Favour.

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13. The foregoing Rule concerning the return of the Insignia of a deceased Member shall not apply in the case of the decease of an Honorary Member whose heirs will only be required to send at an early date a written intimation of the occurrence of the death to the Secretary of the Most Honourable Order.

14. There shall be 4 Officers appointed by Us or Our Heirs and Successors to the said Most Honourable Order, that is to say: a Chancellor (Menteri), a Prelate (Imam), a Secretary and Registrar (Juru-tulis) and a Gentleman Usher (Bentara), which Officers shall rank among each other in the above Order.

15. The Sovereign shall have the Power and Right to Degrade and Expel from the said Most Honourable Order any Member thereof who has been convicted of Treason, Felony or of any Grave Offence considered Derogatory in a man of Honour, and it shall at all times be competent for the Sovereign to restore to and Reinstate in the Order any person so Expelled if circumstances render it just and expedient so to do.

16. The Chancery of the said Most Honourable Order shall be in the Lapau, Brunei.

17. Lastly, We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors the Power of Altering or Abrogating or Adding to or Explaining any of the aforesaid Statutes or any article thereof, if and whenever We may deem it necessary or expedient so to do, and such Alterations, Additions or Explanations shall be accepted as part and parcel of the Statutes of the said Most Honourable Order.

Given at Our Palace, Brunei, under the seal of the said Most Honourable Order this 1st day of March, 1954.