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APPLICATION FOR REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE’S JUDGEMENT IN THE CASE CONCERNING THE SOVEREIGNTY OVER PEDRA BRANCA/ PULAU BATU PUTEH, MIDDLE ROCKS AND SOUTH LEDGE

On 2\textsuperscript{nd} February 2017, Malaysia filed an application for a revision of the International Court of Justice’s judgement in the case concerning the Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/ Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge (Malaysia/Singapore) (“Judgment”). The application, which was filed at the International Court of Justice, The Hague, was made by Malaysia upon the discovery of some fact of such a nature as to be a decisive factor, which fact was, when the judgment was given, unknown to the Court and also to Malaysia as the party claiming revision.

We are also confident that the requirements as stipulated under Article 61 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice have been met in that, \textit{inter alia}, the application for revision is brought within six (6) months of the discovery of the new fact, and within ten (10) years of the date of the Judgment.

Malaysia’s application for a revision of the Judgment is a continuation of the process embarked on 9\textsuperscript{th} May 2003 by both Malaysia and the Republic of Singapore, when both nations agreed to submit the dispute pertaining to the Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/ Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge to the International Court of Justice (“Special Agreement”).

The discovery of the new facts is important and they should be ventilated in a court of law accordingly. Thus, as agreed by both parties in the Special Agreement, the International Court of Justice is the appropriate forum for this.

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