

Press Statement from Global Bersih  
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**GLOBAL BERSIH URGES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO MAKE PUBLIC THE INTERIM REPORT ON ELECTORAL REFORM AND EMBARK ON SECOND ROUND OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Global Bersih supports the call from Bersih 2.0 to the Prime Minister to make public the interim report produced and submitted by the Electoral Reform Commission (ERC) on 13th January.

It is incumbent on the government to be open and transparent on major public policy and legislative reforms and initiatives in keeping with public expectations. Transparency is also necessary to ensure that organisations which are actively monitoring and contributing to the electoral reform process are able to provide input on the interim report. Global Bersih submitted a comprehensive proposal last August to reform the overseas voting process in response to the problems faced by overseas Malaysians in previous general election cycles, and would like the opportunity to review and comment on the overseas voting reforms outlined in the interim report. The proposal was prepared based on the feedback received from overseas Malaysians residing in 248 cities worldwide, and included a list of immediate reforms that are urgently needed as well as innovative suggestions for long-term reforms.

Global Bersih congratulates the ERC for successfully conducting 21 consultation workshops nationwide before coming out with the interim report and echoes Bersih 2.0's suggestion for the Electoral Reform Commission to use the interim report to embark on a second round of public consultation. This will allow all concerned stakeholders, including overseas Malaysians, to participate in this process and to provide feedback on the proposed recommendations before the final report of the Electoral Reform Committee is submitted in August this year.

To check our recommendations to the ERC, please refer to this link  
<https://www.globalbersih.org/resources/overseas-voting-reform-proposal/>

To check the recommendations from the Electoral Reform Roundtable Report which was co-organised by Global Bersih, please refer to this link  
<https://www.globalbersih.org/launch-of-electoral-reform-roundtable-report/>

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