



January 16<sup>th</sup> 2018

**PETITION TO THE EUROPEAN UNION FROM MALAYSIA'S  
OIL PALM SMALLHOLDERS**

TO EU AMBASSADOR & HEAD OF DELEGATION,  
H.E. MARIA CASTILLO FERNANDEZ, as representative of  
THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION; EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT; COUNCIL:

**PREAMBLE:** We the undersigned on behalf of 3.2 million Malaysian smallholders and families, demand the European Union immediately withdraw its threat against Malaysia's palm oil smallholders. Malaysian smallholders depend on successful palm oil exports for their future prosperity and the well-being of their communities.

A ban on palm oil threatens to sentence Malaysian smallholders to a life of poverty, undermines the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals, and is an unjust and discriminatory proposal that would cut off a lifeline for rural communities across Malaysia.

WHEREAS the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) is making its way through the EU legislative process and will soon be finalized by the European Parliament and by the Council;

WHEREAS on 23 October 2017, the Environment Committee of the European Parliament voted for an effective ban on all Palm Oil biofuel exports to the EU after 2021 and an effective exclusion of advanced Palm Oil biomass from the EU market, all while other oilseeds are allowed to continue selling inside the EU until 2030;

WHEREAS on 28 November 2017, the Industry, Research & Energy Committee of the European Parliament endorsed the ban as planned by the Environment Committee;

WHEREAS the final Renewable Energy Directive text will be decided in 2018;

**WE DEMAND:**

1. **End the Ban:** The European Union must withdraw the proposed ban on palm oil biofuels in the Renewable Energy Directive.
2. **End Discrimination against Malaysians:** All discriminatory provisions against palm oil in the Renewable Energy Directive must be removed.
3. **Commitment to No Future Ban on Palm Oil:** The European Union must commit to a fair and non-discriminatory approach to palm oil in future.


Signed by:



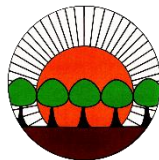
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**DATO' HAJI ALIASAK HAJI AMBIA**  
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