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## MEMORANDUM

### **March for the Forest: Securing Climate Finance in the 13th Malaysia Plan**

Billions in climate finance are at stake if Malaysia fumbles on forest policy reform. RMK13 is our chance to get it right.

As COP30 approaches, Malaysia has a critical opportunity to demonstrate regional leadership by embedding forest protection, Indigenous Peoples and local community (IP&LC) rights, and transparent monitoring mechanisms in the 13th Malaysia Plan (RMK13). These reforms not only support the emerging *Action Plan for Implementation for Forests (API4Forests)* under the UNFCCC, but also strengthen Malaysia's readiness to access long-term international funding through the proposed *Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF)*.

### **Memorandum Call to Action**

#### **1. One Forest Map for All**

**RMK13 Action:** Fund a national forest audit and publish a "Protected Forest Registry" that all states agree on.

**Why it matters:** Eliminates overlapping claims and boundary confusion. Aligns Malaysia with international forest mapping standards such as those used by the UN and FAO, enhancing credibility with global donors and facilities like TFFF.

## **2. Check It from Space**

**RMK13 Action:** Set up a National Forest Monitoring Hub using existing satellite tools already used by the government, with state and civil society access.

**Why it matters:** Ensures transparency through annual public updates on forest cover, fostering trust and accountability in the delivery of national forest commitments.

## **3. Fund the Frontlines**

**RMK13 Action:** Create a Direct Access Fund so Indigenous Peoples and local communities can directly apply for forest protection grants — without waiting on federal or state agencies.

**Why it matters:** Prioritises those who safeguard forests daily and ensures funding flows to frontline communities, in line with the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), Action 2.1, Target 5, and Principle 4.

## **4. Let the Rakyat Have a Say**

**RMK13 Action:** Mandate a National Forest Finance Council under NRES or the Climate Action Council with transparent fund allocation and monitoring oversight.

**Why it matters:** Builds institutional transparency without creating new agencies and meets the accountability standards of international finance mechanisms like TFFF while strengthening public confidence in fund governance.

## **5. Say It Clearly: We're In**

**RMK13 Action:** Table Parliamentary motion or Cabinet statement to publicly commit to joining TFFF.

**Why it matters:** Costs nothing, but shows Malaysia is serious about forest finance and ready to lead ASEAN and Global South nations on this issue.

## Seruan Tindakan Memorandum

### 1. Satu Peta Hutan untuk Semua

**Tindakan RMK13:** Biayai audit hutan negara dan terbitkan Daftar Hutan Dilindungi yang dipersetujui oleh semua kerajaan negeri.

**Kenapa penting:** Menyelesaikan isu pertindihan dan kekeliruan sempadan hutan. Selaras dengan piawaian antarabangsa seperti FAO dan PBB — sekaligus meningkatkan kredibiliti Malaysia di mata penderma dan tabung iklim global seperti TFFF.

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### 2. Pantau dari Angkasa

**Tindakan RMK13:** Tubuhkan Hab Pemantauan Hutan Negara menggunakan teknologi satelit sedia ada, dengan akses kepada kerajaan negeri dan masyarakat sivil.

**Kenapa penting:** Memastikan pemantauan yang telus dan berkala — rakyat dan pelabur boleh lihat janji hutan ditepati atau tidak.

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### 3. Dana Terus kepada Barisan Hadapan

**Tindakan RMK13:** Wujudkan Dana Akses Terus bagi membolehkan komuniti Orang Asal dan masyarakat setempat mohon dana pemuliharaan tanpa perlu bergantung kepada agensi kerajaan.

**Kenapa penting:** Golongan inilah penjaga hutan sebenar. Ini memastikan mereka dapat dana secara langsung — sejajar dengan Pelan Tindakan Strategik Biodiversiti Kebangsaan (NBSAP), Tindakan 2.1, Sasaran 5, dan Prinsip 4.

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### 4. Rakyat Berhak Tahu dan Pantau

**Tindakan RMK13:** Tubuhkan Majlis Kewangan Hutan di bawah NRECC atau Majlis Tindakan Iklim untuk pantau agihan dana dan ketelusan penggunaan.

**Kenapa penting:** Tidak perlu agensi baru — cukup dengan struktur semasa yang inklusif. Ini penuhi syarat ketelusan TFFF dan tingkatkan kepercayaan rakyat serta pelabur.

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## **5. Komitmen Terbuka: Malaysia Sertai TFFF**

**Tindakan RMK13:** Bawa usul di Parlimen atau kenyataan Kabinet bagi menyatakan komitmen Malaysia untuk menyertai TFFF.

**Kenapa penting:** Tiada kos tambahan — tetapi beri isyarat jelas bahawa Malaysia serius mahu pimpin agenda kewangan iklim hutan di peringkat global.

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