



**PRESS STATEMENT
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Amendments to Sarawak Labour Ordinance

STA commends the State Government for its persistent commitment in advancing the amendments to the Sarawak Labour Ordinance (SLO) and for its continuous efforts in engaging with Federal agencies to further refine the SLO. This includes the proposal for a provision requiring prior consultation for future amendments to the SLO, as recently clarified by Deputy Minister in the Premier's Department (Labour, Immigration and Project Monitoring) Datuk Gerawat Gala in response to the Sarawak Bank Employees Union (Union)'s criticisms against the State Government for lack of effort in amending the SLO.

As an industry, we earnestly seek the support of all stakeholders, including the Union, in rallying behind the State Government as they diligently tackle the crucial issues that lie at the heart of the State Government. It is imperative to acknowledge the State Government's steadfast commitment and forward-thinking measures in addressing and overcoming future challenges, specifically pertaining to the welfare and advancement of our workers.

We recognize and commend the immense value and foresight embedded in the State Government's proposal for a consultation provision within the SLO. In this regard, we stand firmly behind the State Government's policy and decisions, appreciating the significant long-term benefits associated with incorporating the proposed provision.

STA reaffirms our unwavering dedication to supporting the State Government's visionary initiatives aimed at safeguarding the rights and interests of workers within our State, thereby fostering progress and prosperity for the State.

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