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**AGC STATEMENT ON PASSING OF SENIOR DIRECTOR AND SENIOR
STATE COUNSEL MR GNANASIHAMANI KANNAN**

The Attorney-General's Chambers ("AGC") is deeply saddened by the passing of Mr Gnanasihamani Kannan, Senior Director and Senior State Counsel at AGC's Crime Division. Mr Kannan passed away due to an accident on 14 June 2022 while on overseas leave. He was 52.

2 Mr Kannan first joined AGC in 1995 and had over 20 years' experience as a prosecutor. He also served for 5 years in the Legal Services Department in the Ministry of Manpower. During his time in AGC, he was involved in the prosecution of many significant cases, including *PP v Lim Oon Kuin*, *PP v Gosling Andrew*, and *PP v Ai Takagi & Yang Kaiheng*.

3 In addition, Mr Kannan was part of the team from AGC that led evidence during the 2018 Committee of Inquiry ("COI") into the Cyberattack on Singapore Health Services Pte Ltd's Patient Database. His deep understanding of technology and computer systems was instrumental in enabling the AGC team to piece together and present the contributing factors of the incident, and make recommendations for, among others, better protection against similar cybersecurity attacks, which were accepted by the COI.

4 Indeed, Mr Kannan's expertise and experience as a pioneer in the fields of technology crime and digital evidence have been recognised internationally, and he was invited to be involved in various United Nations and Commonwealth expert groups on cybercrime.

5 Above all, Mr Kannan was relentless in his pursuit of justice, and was guided by a sense of mission to work towards building a fairer and safer society. He will be missed by all at AGC. Our management and staff extend our deepest condolences to Mr Kannan's family during this difficult time.

6 Attorney-General, Mr Lucien Wong, said, “Mr Kannan served with distinction in his various appointments during his career in the Singapore Legal Service. He leaves behind many dear friends and colleagues in the Service and the legal community who deeply mourn his passing. We have, with his passing, lost a remarkable and outstanding colleague.”

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