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**DISCONTINUATION OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
AGAINST RAVI S/O MADASAMY**

On 16 December 2020, Mr Ravi s/o Madasamy (“**Mr Ravi**”) was charged in court for an offence of criminal defamation punishable under section 500 of the Penal Code, for publishing a defamatory post pertaining to Mr K Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, on his Facebook page, “Ravi MRavi”, on 6 November 2020 at about 8.45am (the “**Offending Post**”).

2 The Attorney-General’s Chambers, after careful consideration of representations made by defence counsel for Mr Ravi, has decided to discontinue the criminal proceedings against Mr Ravi and administer a conditional warning to him, on condition that Mr Ravi:

- a. accepts a 24-month conditional warning for the offence;
- b. deletes the Offending Post; and
- c. publishes an apology and undertaking not to repeat the allegations contained in the Offending Post.

3 As of 25 February 2021, Mr Ravi has removed the Offending Post. Mr Ravi has also published a written apology and undertaking, in which he accepts that the allegations in the Offending Post are false and completely without foundation. He has also undertaken not to publish any further statements on this issue, or to make any allegations to the same or similar effect, in any manner whatsoever.

4 On 3 March 2021, the charge was withdrawn on a discharge not amounting to an acquittal. Should Mr Ravi breach any of the conditions to the warning, the charge against him may be revived.

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