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Statement in Response to Workers' Party on the Appointment of the Leader of the Opposition

The leader of the main opposition party in Parliament is indeed the natural choice to serve as Leader of the Opposition (LO).

However, we are in an exceptional situation. Mr Singh has been criminally convicted by the Courts of lying to Parliament, and Parliament has resolved that his conviction and conduct render him unsuitable to continue in the role.

In other jurisdictions, members convicted of crimes involving dishonesty or lying under oath would ordinarily have resigned. This has not happened here.

In Singapore, we place a high premium on honesty and integrity in our political system, and on respect for the rule of law.

Members of Parliament, especially those in leadership positions, must exemplify these values and uphold the integrity of our system.

In light of Parliament's resolution, the Government invited the Workers' Party (WP) to nominate another elected MP to be considered as LO. The WP has chosen not to do so.

The Government accepts that decision. The office of the LO will therefore remain vacant until such time that the WP is ready to nominate someone to take on this responsibility.

The Prime Minister's Office

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