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Cover: The Structure Plan encompasses the social, economic and physical systems of the Federal Territory. The preparation involves studies of the spheres of influence of various activities which are ever changing

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Preface

The Structure Plan establishes the broad policy framework for the planning of the Federal Territory within a perspective period of twenty years. Provision is made to review this Plan periodically to accommodate the changing circumstances and the possible changes in regional and national policies.

The primary data in this Plan are derived from socio-economic, commercial and industrial survey and the transportation study undertaken by the Master Plan Unit in 1979 and 1980. City Hall also undertook a separate study on squatters in 1979.

It is pertinent to note that despite efforts taken to ensure the accuracy of the sample surveys, there are significant differences between the survey results and the preliminary results of the 1980 Housing and Population Census. However, it was decided to proceed using the survey results in view of the following reasons. Firstly, the Structure Plan Study was already in the final stages of preparation. Secondly, it was the desire of City Hall to release the Plan as soon as possible and thirdly, the detailed results of the Census were still not available at that time.

Continuous consultations and dialogues with Federal and State agencies were held during the preparation of this Plan. Generally, the policies and views from the agencies have been incorporated into the Structure Plan. The Structure Plan however differs significantly from the Kelang Valley Review Study in respect of the population and employment forecasts for Kuala Lumpur. This situation arises as a result of the differences in perspective of and approach to the two studies. Notwithstanding the probable errors in the survey results and other non-predictable factors, the Structure Plan Study does not foresee any likelihood of the population of the Federal Territory being less than 1.8 million by the year 2000 or the total employment figure being lower than the estimated one million. Deviations from these forecasts would require a drastic policy intervention as well as major changes in the economic growth trends prevailing both in Kuala Lumpur and the Kelang Valley region.

It may also be noted that the study area covers the Kuala Lumpur Conurbation area comprising Petaling Jaya, Selayang, Gombak, Ulu Kelang and Ampang, with a total area of 378 square kilometres (146 square miles). With the exception of the transportation component, all other data used in the Written Statement have been adjusted to cover only the Federal Territory.

The above explanatory statements are intended to provide a clearer perspective on the Structure Plan. The effort to prepare this Plan must be viewed as the beginning of a new approach to the continuous planning process. The preparation of the Local Plans is being pursued earnestly by City Hall whilst at the same time the reviewing and updating of current data will be carried out as an ongoing exercise.