INTRODUCTION

As a financial safety net player with a mandate to promote financial system stability, our aspiration is to work towards the establishment of an effective resolution regime for Malaysia. Such a regime allows member institutions (MIs) to fail and be resolved in a prompt and orderly manner, without systemic disruption.

An important aspect of an effective resolution regime is resolution planning, which is part of the Recovery and Resolution Planning framework jointly established by Bank Negara Malaysia and PIDM in 2016. Bank Negara Malaysia is leading the recovery planning process, and has undertaken the recovery planning pilot exercises in 2018.

Resolution planning involves, amongst others, the assessment of the business structure, operational and financial interdependencies, the development of likely strategies and plans, which are specific to the MIs. This is essential for the enhancement of our state of operational readiness but does not exclude development of alternative courses of actions, depending on the circumstances and the overall state of the financial system at the time of a resolution.

PIDM leads the resolution planning process. The development of robust and credible resolution plans during business as usual (BAU) increases the likelihood of the smooth execution of resolution actions, and contributes to the stability of the financial system. In 2019, following the completion of the recovery planning pilot exercises, we will commence the resolution planning pilot exercises with selected MIs.

OUR APPROACH TO RESOLUTION PLANNING

The following diagram depicts our approach to resolution planning for MIs and highlights the value that is derived from carrying out resolution planning.

RESOLUTION PLANNING

WHAT

To plan for the failure of the MIs when they are healthy

WHY

 So that the MIs can be resolved in a prompt, structured and orderly manner

WHEN

 Planning is conducted well in advance during BAU, regardless of the proximity to failure of the MIs

WHO

- Each MI, regardless of size and systemic importance, will have a feasible and credible resolution plan
- PIDM works in collaboration with the MIs

HOW

Close coordination between strategic stakeholders is key

Foreign home and MIs **PIDM** Bank Negara Malaysia host regulators

- MI prepares and provides quality quantitative and qualitative information (2)
- Development of a resolution plan

Step 1: Strategic business analysis

Step 2: Preferred resolution strategy (PRS) and operational plan

Step 3: Resolvability assessment

Step 4: Remediation of impediments

Interactive and iterative process

What does it entail

Provide overview of the MI

- Separability
- to assess: Systemic importance
- Corporate (legal, financial and operational) structure Understand the complexity of the MI's structure
- Business model, core business lines and significant legal entities Identify business lines and entities which are core to the operations or profitability; hold strategic significance or undertake critical functions
- Critical functions and critical shared services Assess and identify functions (and its supporting services, infrastructure and systems) undertaken by the MI which are critical and where the failure or discontinuance would adversely affect the functioning of the real economy and financial stability
- Internal and external interdependencies Identify interdependencies which may constrain effective implementation of a resolution strategy

PRS sets out the intended resolution approach

Operational plan sets out the arrangements to implement the PRS

Resolution planning involves identification of resolution options specific to the MI, which include options to continue key operations or closure of the MI

Resolution options:

- Restructuring of the MI's business, assets and / or liabilities
- Sale or transfer of business / shares of the MI to a third party acquirer(s)
- Bridge Institution (BI) involves the transfer of selected functions, business and / or assets of the MI to a BI, pending sale to a third party acquirer(s)
- Liquidation Closure of the MI's business and operations under the winding up process

Exit strategy

Formulating a clear exit strategy to complete the resolution process

Assess whether the PRS is feasible and credible

Articulate resolution impediments

Feasibility

Assess the practical capacity for PIDM to apply the resolution strategy and the operational preparedness of the MI

Credibility

Assess the likely impact of the resolution strategy on the MI and the financial system and real economy

Remove / mitigate / remediate resolution impediments

Identify list of barriers to achieving effective resolution and the corresponding actions to mitigate or remove the barriers

Increase efficiency and competitiveness of the MIs orderly

financial system resilience and stability

Provide adequate protection confidence



Sustainable

Benefits of resolution planning

CONCLUSION

The journey towards resolvability has been described as a "marathon", and we will need the collaboration of the many runners involved. At its starting point, we need the buy-in and commitment from all of our strategic stakeholders, in particular our Mls. Mls have in-depth knowledge about their inner workings and structures and are best placed to ensure the successful implementation of the resolution planning initiative.

We will continue to engage regularly and work collaboratively with the Mls in this resolution planning journey. We expect Mls to establish the necessary governance arrangements and to devote sufficient time and resources to support resolution planning. Early involvement and commitment from Mls – especially at the board and senior management levels – is essential, to better plan and prepare for a smooth journey ahead.

Like a marathoner, advanced training, and a constant pace, will reward us, not only with the completion at the finish line, but with greater overall fitness and strength. In our context, at the end of the resolution planning initiative, we expect MIs to be more resolution-ready, and our financial system, more robust in dealing with failures of our MIs. This journey for each MI has considerable value – not only for the industry – but for the nation as a whole.

"Most people overestimate what they can do in one year and underestimate what they can do in ten years." — Bill Gates

¹ Elke Konig, Chair of the Single Resolution Board.