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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 11 (BERNAMA) -- THE NETHERLANDS HAS ASSURED MALAYSIA OF ITS SUPPORT IN THE LATTER'S BID TO HAVE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL NATURAL RUBBER AGREEMENT (INRA) SITED IN KUALA LUMPUR, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING TO THE PRESS AFTER HIS MEETING WITH DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER DR C.A. VAN DER KLAUW, HE SAID THAT HE HAD REQUESTED THE NETHERLANDS TO PERSUADE OTHER COUNTRIES TO DO LIKEWISE.

MALAYSIA, HE SAID, HAD REQUESTED FOR SUCH SUPPORT FROM THE OTHER EEC COUNTRIES AND WEST GERMANY HAD APPEARED SYMPATHETIC TO THE MALAYSIAN BID.

THE OTHER COUNTRY BIDDING FOR THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE INRA IS BRITAIN.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID MALAYSIA HAD +MORE THAN 50-50+ CHANCE OF GETTING THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE INRA TO BE SITED IN KUALA LUMPUR. -- BERNAMA MORE 1540/SZ

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+WE HAVE A SLIGHT EDGE OVER LONDON IN THAT THE UNITED STATES\* HAD INDICATED ITS SUPPORT FOR US,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIA AND THE NETHERLANDS HAD +VERY GOOD+ TRADE AND OTHER BILATERAL RELATIONS.

THE NETHERLANDS HAD GIVEN TRAINING ASSISTANCE FOR MALAYSIAN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, AND WAS PREPARED TO SEND THEIR TRAINING PERSONNEL HERE.

ON THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, WHICH MALAYSIA SUBSCRIBED TO, HE SAID HE HAD REQUESTED THE DUTCH TO RE-LOCATE THEIR LOW-TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING CONCERNS TO MALAYSIA TO DEAL WITH THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION.

THE GENERAL MALAYSIAN POLICY ON THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, HE SAID, WAS TO URGE THE NORTH NOT TO RE-LOCATE THEIR INDUSTRIES AS SUCH BUT TO EXPAND THEM TO THE SOUTH FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH SIDES. -- BERNAMA 1544/SZ