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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC 11 (BERNAMA) -- MALAYSIA'S APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA, FROM JUNE 17 TO 26 THIS YEAR IS A HIGH HONOUR TO THE NATION, THE DEWAN NEGARA WAS TOLD TODAY.

PRIME MINISTER DATUKSERIDR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THE CONFERENCE, ATTENDED BY 138 NATIONS AND 173 NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS HAD APPOINTED MALAYSIA AS CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN THROUGH CONSENSUS.

IT REPRESENTED A RECOGNITION BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF MALAYSIA'S DETERMINED EFFORTS AND FIRMNESS IN CHECKING THE DADAH MENACE, HE TOLD SENATOR A. SHAIK DAWOOD ABUBAKAR DURING QUESTION TIME.

MALAYSIA'S FIGHT AGAINST DADAH WAS WELL RECEIVED AS PROVEN BY THE FACT THAT THE TWO DOCUMENTS PRODUCED BY THE CONFERENCE WERE UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED BY THE PARTICIPATING NATIONS, HE SAID.

THE TWO DOCUMENTS WERE THE COMPREHENSIVE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY OUTLINE OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (CMO) AND THE POLITICAL DECLARATION. -- MORE

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THE CMO DOCUMENT OUTLINED MEASURES THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES TO CHECK THE DADAH PROBLEM WHILE THE POLITICAL DECLARATION AFFIRMED THE POLITICAL COMMITMENT OF THE COUNTRIES TO OVERCOME THE DADAH MENACE.

SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS BY MALAYSIA WERE ACCEPTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE CMO DOCUMENT AND IN THE PREPARATION OF THE DECLARATION, MALAYSIA PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE AS ITS FIRST DRAFT WAS SUBMITTED BY MALAYSIA, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

HE SAID THE PARTICIPATING NATIONS AGREED TO OBSERVE AT NATIONAL LEVEL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TWO EXISTING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND HELP THE RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS BODIES IN STEPPING UP DADAH CONTROL AND PREVENTIVE EFFORTS.

THE CONVENTIONS ARE THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS 1961+ AND THE CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES 1971.+

DATUKSERI DR MAHATHIR SAID RECOGNITION WAS ALSO GIVEN TO THE VITAL ROLE PLAYED BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS. -- BERNAMA  
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