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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 18 (BERNAMA) -- THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WANTS THE PARTY LEADERSHIP TO REFER TO THE ASSEMBLY BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION WHICH CAN RESULT IN CHANGES IN UMNO.

IN WELCOMING THE PREPAREDNESS OF UMNO PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TO HOLD TALKS WITH ANYONE, INCLUDING SEMANGAT 46 PRESIDENT TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH, IN THE INTEREST OF MALAY UNITY, THE ASSEMBLY, HOWEVER, IMPOSED A CONDITION THAT PROPOSALS WHICH COULD RESULT IN CHANGES TO UMNO BE REFERRED FIRST TO THE ASSEMBLY.

THE CONDITION, IN THE FORM OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION OF THANKS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY ADDRESS AT THE OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY, WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE DELEGATES.

THE AMENDMENT WAS TABLED BY SYED HAMID ALBAR FROM BUKIT BINTANG UMNO DIVISION IN THE FEDERAL TERRITORY.

THE AMENDMENT CAME IN THE WAKE OF TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH'S STATEMENT YESTERDAY AGREEING TO A PROPOSAL THAT HE AND THE PRIME MINISTER MEET TO DISCUSS MALAY UNITY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE DATE FOR THE TALKS COULD BE SET AFTER THE ASSEMBLY ENDS TOMORROW. -- MORE
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MALAY UNITY AND THE PROPOSED MEETING BETWEEN DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND TENGKU RAZALEIGH WERE AMONG THE MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY THE DELEGATES DURING THE DEBATE ON THE MOTION.

THE DELEGATES, WHILE WELCOMING THE PROPOSED TALKS, URGED THE PARTY LEADERSHIP TO BE CAUTIOUS SO AS TO ENSURE THAT IT DID NOT AFFECT THE RESILIENCE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF UMNO.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WANTED THE ASSEMBLY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PRESENT UMNO WAS SET UP TO MEET THE NEEDS OF MEMBERS WHO REJOINED THE PARTY TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE OF THE PARTY WHICH WAS SET UP IN 1946.

IT ALSO AGREED THAT THE CURRENT PARTY CONSTITUTION AND ORGANISATION STRUCTURE BE RETAINED.

SYED HAMID SAID THE MOTION WAS A REMINDER TO PARTY MEMBERS AND THOSE WHO WISHED TO REJOIN THE PARTY THAT THE PARTY CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE UPHELD AND ADHERED TO.

THEREFORE, THOSE WISHING TO REJOIN THE PARTY COULD NOT SET CONDITIONS OR SEEK AMENDMENTS TO THE PRESENT PARTY CONSTITUTION, HE ADDED. -- MORE

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HE SAID ONLY PARTY MEMBERS, AND NOT THOSE OUTSIDE UMNO, HAD THE RIGHT TO SPEAK ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PARTY CONSTITUTION.

THE MOTION IN FULL READS:

+ WHEREAS, THE 1988/1989 UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN KUALA LUMPUR ON NOV 17, 18 AND 19, 1989, RESOLVES:

1. TO GIVE FULL TRUST AND HIGH APPRECIATION TO YANG AMAT BERHORMAT DATUK SERI PRESIDENT ON HIS POLICY ADDRESS WHICH IS COMPREHENSIVE AND FIRM=
2. TO GIVE UNDIVIDED SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT IN ALL EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN POLITICAL STABILITY, STEP UP ECONOMIC GROWTH AND STRENGTHEN MULTI-RACIAL UNITY AND GIVE ASSURANCE TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN CHECKING ELEMENTS WHO THREATEN UNITY AND NATIONAL RESILIENCE AND SECURITY=
3. TO GIVE FULL TRUST TO THE GOVERNMENT IN IMPLEMENTING THE COUNTRY'S FOREIGN POLICY, ESPECIALLY (THOSE BASED ON) POLICIES DECIDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN OPPOSING INTRUSIONS AND/OR INTERVENTIONS OF SUPERPOWERS IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ENSURE A PEACEFUL, JUST AND PROSPEROUS WORLD COMMUNITY=

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4. WHILE HAVING TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE CAPABILITY AND ABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT IN IMPLEMENTING AND ENSURING THE SUCCESS OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY, TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE A BETTER MALAY/BUMIPUTERA POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POSITION IN TERMS OF THE POST-1990 POLICY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION=

5. TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PRESENT UMNO IS THE BONA FIDE UMNO, WHICH WAS SET UP BASED ON THE NEEDS OF UMNO MEMBERS WHO REJOINED THE PARTY WHICH WAS REGISTERED ON FEB 13, 1988 AND IS A CONTINUITY OF THE STRUGGLE OF UMNO BORN IN 1946, AND HEREBY AGREE TO RETAIN THE PARTY'S EXISTING CONSTITUTION AND ORGANISATION=

6. TO WELCOME THE PREPAREDNESS OF DATUK SERI PRESIDENT, IN THE INTEREST OF MALAY UNITY, TO HOLD TALKS WITH ANYONE ON CONDITION THAT ANY PROPOSAL WHICH CAN RESULT IN CHANGES TO UMNO BE FIRST REFERRED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.+

BEFORE THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED, UMNO YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE ENCIK ISHAK ISMAIL HIT OUT AT SEMANGAT 46 LEADERS WHO HE SAID WERE +STUBBORN+ EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF JOINING UMNO. -- MORE

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ENCIK ISHAK ALSO TOUCHED ON INFIGHTING AMONG SOME HEADS OF DIVISIONS AND THE YOUTH WING. HE SAID POLITICAL STABILITY IN UMNO WOULD BE ACHIEVED WHEN HEADS OF THE YOUTH AND WANITA WINGS COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH DIVISION HEADS.

HE SAID THAT UNITY AMONG THE THREE GROUPS IN UMNO WAS VERY VITAL TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE PARTY IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

ENCIK ISHAK SAID UMNO YOUTH WOULD ADHERE TO WHATEVER DIRECTIVE BY THE PARTY LEADERSHIP IN THE INTEREST OF THE MALAYS. -- MORE (HERE PICK UP UMNO-DEBATE (INTRO TO COME SERIES)

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