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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 9 (Bernama) -- Malaysia does not propose to make suggestions for the reformation of the Commonwealth as it was satisfied with the activities and roles played by the organisation, Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Dr Leo Michael Toyad told the Dewan Rakyat today.

In politics, for instance, the organisation had played a crucial role to realise the basic political values of the Commonwealth including the question of human rights and fair system of governance, he said.

Since majority of Commonwealth members were poor countries, issues and trade activities being championed focussed on the economic development of member states, he told Abdul Aziz Yassin (BN-Muar) during Question Time.

The organisation also played an important role in the field of human resource development, science and technology and technical cooperation, he said.

Replying to a supplementary question from Akbarkhan Abdul Rahman (BN-Libaran), Toyad said Commonwealth Heads of Government who met in Scotland recently had agreed unanimously to the proposal by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that currency trading be regulated.

Replying to Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar (BN-Batang lupar), he said unlike the United Nations, the Commonwealth did not face problems receiving monetary contributions from member countries.

This was because the organisation was set up to help poor member countries voluntarily and not to burden them financially, he added.

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