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MIC Youth, Wanita: We have confidence in PM

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - The MIC Youth and Wanita wings today unanimously declared their full confidence in Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

They also pledged their full support for any measures taken by the Prime Minister to resolve the present economic downturn.

This was among the resolutions passed after debate at the 14th MIC National Women's Assembly and 13th MIC National Youth Assembly held at the Putra World Trade Centre.

The Wanita wing passed six resolutions during the meeting of delegates, while the Youth wing passed eight.

The resolutions passed by Wanita MIC included:

- * to fully support the Koperasi Didik Bhd fund, an education arm of MIC to provide loans for all Malaysians for higher studies;
- * to urge the party to appoint all divisional women leaders as delegates to the General Assembly;
- * to urge the party to allocate 15 per cent of party appointments to local authorities, district councils or statutory bodies for women;
- * to appeal to the Government to consider the plight of Malaysian Indian students and to offer financial aid to all deserving cases so that they may complete their studies; and
- * to urge the Government to ensure that women are not retrenched because of gender discrimination and ensure that retraining opportunities are reserved for retrenched women.

The resolutions passed by the Youth wing included:

- * to pledge full support for MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu's leadership of the party;
- * to urge the Education Ministry to open the National Higher Education Fund to all private higher education institute students irrespective of race;
- * to urge the Government to ensure the price of basic necessities is not raised;
- * to urge the Government to draw up strategies and set up a special unit to assist small- and medium- scale businesses;
- * to urge the Government to set up a special unit that would streamline development training particularly in the information technology and multimedia communication sector;
- * to stress that the agriculture sector be given due recognition for its contribution towards the national economy; and
- * to urge the Government to set aside land for the setting up of religious and social institutions.

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