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S'PORE SUBMITS DRAFT OF WATER AGREEMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 16 (Bernama) -- Singapore has submitted to Malaysia its draft of the proposed new water supply agreement, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

Malaysia was studying the details of the draft, he told reporters after the bilateral meetings between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Apec leaders including Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong.

Abdullah declined to elaborate on the draft, saying "at least we have a draft to look at and something positive is happening."

He said it is now up to the officials to discuss the draft of the water agreement as well as Malaysia's proposed fund-raising exercise in Singapore.

Singapore wants to extend its existing water pact beyond the year 2061.

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