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EU MEMBER COUNTRIES HAPPY WITH M'SIA'S STAND ON GLOBAL ISSUES

PUTRAJAYA, Nov 13 (Bernama) -- Heads of diplomatic mission from the European Union (EU) are satisfied and happy with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's views on issues ranging from economy to terrorism.

Belgian Ambassador Baudouin de Callatay, who led the group at a meeting with the Prime Minister here today, said its members were satisfied with many matters concerning Malaysia's stand on global issues.

"The question and answer session went very well and we are indeed happy with Malaysia's stand on terrorism," he told reporters after the meeting.

He said that the members would inform their governments that Malaysia was a very "moderate" country.

The group comprising 22 diplomats from EU member countries as well as candidate members called on the Prime Minister to discuss and share opinions regarding global issues.

The ambassador said they also held discussion on the World Trade Organisation (WTO) where Dr Mahathir touched on the need to help poor countries.

"We agree with him and we also find that in the process of globalisation it is important to look at the poor countries," he said.

Foreign Ministry Deputy Secretary-General (1) Datuk Aziz Mohamad said the visit to the Prime Minister's office was the first collective visit made by the European Union heads of mission.

"This is just a routine meeting made by them, the difference is that this is the first time they got together and met the Prime Minister," he said.

Aziz said that during the session the diplomats sought Dr Mahathir's opinion on global, political and economic issues.

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