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Expression of firm support for Dr M's leadership

THE motion of thanks to the president's address, which was tabled yesterday, expressed firm support for the leadership of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as party president and Prime Minister.

The motion, which was debated and is expected to be passed today, expressed appreciation to Dr Mahathir for his meaningful address and supported Government policies in the fight against all forms of violence, militancy, and narrow as well as extreme interpretations of religion.

The motion stated that it:

- * Accepts the fact that Malaysia is a sovereign, successful and respected Islamic country;

- * Supports measures towards making Malays more competitive and developed through mastering ICT and English, without eroding the identity of the Malay race and the national language;

- * Opposes any form of cruelty and oppression on any nation or race, in particular the disrespect and cruelty of the Israelis towards the Palestinians;

- * Supports the continuation of socio-economic development programmes and appreciates the special packages to stimulate the economy, and on low-cost housing, infrastructure, education and health;

- * Urged the Government to continue efforts towards a balance in incomes among the races in line with the spirit and principles of the New Economic Policy;

- * Called for efforts to strengthen the party's structure at all levels, increase party's membership and win the hearts and minds of the people;

and

- * Appreciated the deeds and sacrifices of party veterans, and the move to attract youths to join Umno and support its struggles.

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