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Press statement by Umno Supreme Council

THE special meeting of the Umno supreme council held today was convened to receive the report of the meeting between YAB Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, President of Umno, and members of the Umno management committee who were given the mandate to meet with YAB Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad by the special meeting of the Umno supreme council held on June 22, 2002 at 8pm.

The said meeting between YAB Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the Umno management committee took place on June 24, 2002 at Sri Perdana, Putrajaya.

The Umno supreme council, having received the report of the Umno management committee and discussed matters arising, took note of the following:

1. The report of the Umno management committee states that YAB Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad appreciates the confidence party members and the people of Malaysia have in him to continue leading Umno and the Government. However, YAB Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has decided that he will retire and relinquish all his posts in Umno, Barisan Nasional and the Government.

2. YAB Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has confirmed YAB Datuk Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi as his successor.

3. YAB Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has decided that his resignations will take place after the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) Summit that will take place from Oct 24 to 25, 2003.

4. In the period until the said OIC Summit, YAB Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will continue to hold all his posts in Umno, Barisan Nasional and the Government including the post of Minister of Finance.

5. In the period until the said OIC Summit, YAB Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will take leave of two months during which YAB Datuk Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi will be appointed Acting President and Acting Prime Minister. Datuk Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi will also be Acting President of Umno and Acting Prime Minister on any other occasion that YAB Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be on leave during the said period.

6. YAB Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has explained that the date for his resignations has been decided to ensure a smooth and orderly transition of power and responsibilities, and also to fulfil outstanding commitments such as chairing the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit which will be held on Feb 24 and 25, 2003 and the OIC Summit.

7. YAB Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has also stated that after his resignations from all posts in Umno, Barisan Nasional and the Government, he will continue to contribute his energy and ideas for the benefit of Umno.

8. YAB Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants all Umno members to continue to work together and strengthen the party to ensure Umno's success in its struggle.

With that, therefore:

The Umno supreme council respects and accepts YAB Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's intention to resign. This is the time for party members to be united in strengthening the party in facing challenges in our collective struggle for the community, our religion and the nation.

Umno Headquarters

June 25, 2002.

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