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PRESS STATEMENT BY UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL ON DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, June 25 (Bernama) -- Following is the press statement by the Umno Supreme Council read out by Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob at a media conference after its special meeting here today.

"The Special Meeting of the UMNO Supreme Council held today was convened to receive the report of the meeting between YAB Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad, President of UMNO, and members of the UMNO Management Committee who were given the mandate to meet with YAB Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad by the Special Meeting of the UMNO Supreme Council held on 22 June 2002, at 8.00pm. The said meeting between YAB Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad and the UMNO Management Committee took place on 23 June 2002, at 9.00am, at Seri 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 UMNO Supreme Council received the report of the UMNO Management Committee in which YAB Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad appreciates the confidence given to him by party members and the people of Malaysia to continue leading UMNO and the Government. However, YAB Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad has decided that he will retire and relinquish all his posts in UMNO, Barisan Nasional and the Government.

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

3. YAB Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad has decided that his resignations will take place after the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) Summit that will take place from 24 until 25 October 2003.

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

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

7. YAB Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad has also informed 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 Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir bin 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:

UMNO Supreme Council respects and accepts YAB Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad's intentions as mentioned above.

UMNO Supreme Council urges party members to respect YAB Dato' Seri Dr

Mahathir bin 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."

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