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OMAN READY TO CONTRIBUTE TO OIC - ENVOY

PUTRAJAYA, Oct 10 (Bernama) -- Oman is ready to contribute ideas and share its expertise in areas that will benefit Muslims and protect the interests of every member state of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

Its Ambassador to Malaysia Sheikh Ghazi Said Albahar Al-Rawas said his country would play a positive role in implementing all decisions made at the summit provided they are thoroughly discussed and adopted with overwhelming response from member countries.

He was clarifying an earlier report quoting him as saying that Oman would support any proposal to restructure the 57-member organisation during the 10th OIC Summit beginning with the officials-level meeting here tomorrow.

"If new mechanisms are added on to the organisation, it should be discussed seriously. We recognise Malaysia by its vocal and clear views but we must reach a consensus from member countries on every issue discussed," he told Bernama today.

Sheikh Ghazi said the issue of using gold in trade was rather a technical issue and the Sultanate would contribute to the debate through its expertise and specialisation on the matter.

"Originally, the OIC plays its role to resolve issues related to Muslims. It should now become an effective organisation with its decisions receiving overwhelming response from member countries," he added.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had recently suggested the use of gold dinars for trade transactions among Islamic countries.

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