

Malaysia: UN Members Should Not Impose Condition In Fulfilling Financial Obligation
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 5 (Bernama) -- Malaysia has called on United Nations (UN) Member States not to impose any condition in fulfilling their financial obligations as this would impede the functioning of the intergovernmental organisation.

Malaysia's Permanent Representative to the UN Datuk Hussein Hanif said, even under the current methodology of assessment, Malaysia's contribution had seen an upscale from 0.253 per cent last year, to 0.281 per cent this year.

"In spite of the increase, Malaysia will continue to pay its contributions in a consistent and timely manner," he said at the 68th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York on Friday (Oct 4).

His speech text on Agenda Item 138: Scale of Assessment for the Apportionment of Expenses of the UN at the 5th Committee was made available to Bernama here Saturday.

Hussein said Malaysia also recognised the importance of the principle of the 'capacity to pay', as a fundamental element in the apportionment of the UN's expenses.

He said Malaysia took note of the Committee on Contributions' continued work to improve the current methodology on the scale of assessment, with the objective of collecting higher contributions from developed and developing countries, adding that Malaysia welcomed the effort.

"At the same time, Malaysia urges the committee to continue to take into account the views of Member States, especially developing countries which have limited capacity to pay," he said.

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