

**REMARKS BY YAB PRIME MINISTER: SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE  
GLOBAL CALL”**

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**YAB PRIME MINISTER’S REMARKS**

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**SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE**

**SIDE EVENT – “SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE GLOBAL CALL”**

**12 SEPTEMBER 2024**

His Excellency Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany;

His Excellency Nangolo Mbumba, President of the Republic of Namibia;

His Excellency António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations;

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. Sixty-seven years ago, Malaysia took her place, among the global community of nations.
2. It was a defining moment, as Malaysia etched her commitments and aspirations in the Assembly Hall of the United Nations.
3. Then, as a fledgling democracy, Malaysia galvanised the strength derived from the unity of her multiracial, multireligious society, and the instrumental support of the United Nations, to adapt, to prosper and to lead.
4. And, our illustrious journey is marked by our continuing support for multilateralism and the principles and values of the Charter of the United Nations.
5. Looking ahead, we must ask ourselves, what future are we envisaging, and for who, when

- People are still dying of hunger and disease.
  - Divide between the Global South and North grows wider and deeper, leaving many behind.
  - Conflicts continue to rage, and impunity reigns supreme as international law is violated.
  - The institutions that we have placed our hope and trust on, are paralysed or unable to respond
6. The stark reality is that while we continue to ponder on the dismal state of global affairs and weigh solutions, we persist in repeating past mistakes, as history unfolds itself.
  7. While we possess no shortage of knowledge, mechanisms and expertise yet, we are desperately searching for solutions.
  8. In our interconnected world, the challenges confronting us are becoming more intricate, transcending not only borders, but also the atmosphere, depths of the ocean and deepest of the lush rain forest.
  9. Neither limitations in global diplomacy nor archaic practices, can withhold us from moving ahead.

10. We can no longer afford to act indifferently. Malaysia urges the international community to prioritise two actions:
11. First, reform across the international system is no longer an option but a crucial necessity. The global mechanisms must be fit for purpose to this day and age.
12. Second, as history teaches us, in as much as political will is the key to success, mustering it is a moral and legal obligation of each and every one of us.
13. Global solutions will be rendered futile, if regional and national grassroots are not part of them.
14. Therefore, in tandem with our global call, at the heart of Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship next year, policies and mechanisms that are truly able to galvanise and mutually reinforce the nexus among peace, stability and prosperity, will be prioritised.
15. This is because peace, stability and prosperity, are the hard-won gains, that ASEAN owes to its people, and the international community.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

16. Let me assure you of Malaysia's resolve. We will continue to be a constructive partner of the United Nations and a loyal proponent of multilateralism.
  
17. The Summit of the Future is the right track to redemption, for us to make sound decisions collectively, that would shape a thriving tomorrow, for all.

Thank you.

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