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Central Executive Committee Resolutions Presented in National Congress 2012

PREAMBLE

That the 16th DAP National Congress is acutely aware of the challenges ahead for the DAP, Pakatan Rakyat and Malaysia as we strive to reshape Malaysia into a democratic, united, equitable and sustainable nation, guided by the values of freedom, justice and solidarity.

That the 16th DAP National Congress resolves to adopt the following resolutions proposed by the Central Executive Committee to guide the future direction of the party:

1. The Malaysian Dream

To reaffirm DAP's commitment to "The Malaysian Dream" stated in The Shah Alam Declaration adopted at the National Conference on 8th January 2012, including but not limited to these:

- i. To defend the system of Parliamentary Democracy, and Constitutional Monarchy with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong as the Head of State and constitutional monarchies for the states; and committed to upholding the Federal Constitution as the supreme law of the land and to honour it in the spirit of the Merdeka Constitution 1957 and the Malaysia Agreement 1963.
- ii. To preserve the special position of the Malays and Bumiputeras while protecting the rights of other races as enshrined in Article 153 of the Federal Constitution.
- iii. To safeguard the position of Islam as the religion of the Federation while simultaneously upholding the freedom of other religions to be practiced in peace and harmony, as enshrined in Article 3 and 11 of the Federal Constitution.
- iv. To dignify Bahasa Melayu as the National Language as enshrined in Article 152 of the Federal Constitution, while encouraging the use and study of English and mother tongues in order to create a society that excels through language diversity.
- v. To recognise the spirit of equal partnership inherent in the Malaysia Agreement 1963 and champion the rights of the people of Sabah and Sarawak.

2. Democratisation

To reiterate that the full democratisation of all aspects of Malaysian life forms DAP's core agenda for a united Malaysia, of which:

- i. Democratisation shall take place in, but not be limited to the political process, Parliament and State Assemblies, the authority of the police, local governments, the information process, the economic order, cultural life and education.
- ii. To note that clean, free and fair elections are the most important requirement of a democracy and declare our full support for the demands stated by the BERSIH Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections; and reiterate that no foreigners should be

given the right to vote, in particular, concerning the illegal immigration issue in Sabah.

- iii. To renew the call for the practice of true federalism as well as decentralisation of powers and resources to state governments, including a higher petroleum royalty for the oil producing states of Sabah, Sarawak, Terengganu, Kelantan and Pahang; and to call for a democratically elected State Government for the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur.

3. Pakatan Rakyat

- I. To reaffirm DAP's aspiration to be given the mandate by Malaysian voters to serve as a responsible partner in government in coalition with Parti KeADILan Rakyat and Parti Islam SeMalaysia within the Pakatan Rakyat framework to realise the common agenda set forth in the Common Policy Platform and Buku Jingga.
- II. To restate the Middle Malaysia agenda and call on all leaders, members and supporters of DAP, PKR and PAS to focus on the agreed common agenda of Pakatan Rakyat.

4. Solidarity Economy

To note that the world is facing a turbulent economic situation which requires fresh and new ideas to move forward, hence the need to adopt an economic philosophy that not merely serves cronies but is in solidarity with the 99 percent majority, so as to create a sharing society:

- i. To reiterate that corruption is the most important obstacle for the Malaysian economy to move to the next level and to call on the Malaysian Anti Corruption Commission to be entirely independent of the Executive.
- ii. To endorse common economic policies of Pakatan Rakyat outlined in The Common Policy Platform, Buku Jingga and Pakatan Rakyat Alternative Budgets, which focuses on uplifting the household income of the bottom 60 percent to boost domestic demand and hence the national economy as a whole.
- iii. Key policies include a minimum wage policy, reducing the influx of unskilled foreign labour; abolishing monopolies and cronyism; transparency; and better provisions of essential government services (public health, public housing, public transport, education, utilities and infrastructure).
- iv. To support the Equitable Economic Agenda (Agenda Ekonomi Saksama) framework of the Penang State Government and People-Based Economy (Merakyatkan Ekonomi) framework of the Selangor State Government that aims to narrow the wealth and income gaps, end corruption, cronyism and nepotism, and provide equal opportunities, as well as genuinely assist the weakest in the society.
- v. To call for greater support for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and small and medium industries (SMIs) through genuine funding, tax exemptions, grants and aid for the industries to upgrade in terms of technology and skills; and to end hostile and aggressive tax raids on SMEs/SMIs.
- vi. To demand massive effort in helping the poorer communities in Sabah and Sarawak to leave poverty behind and have a decent livelihood. To upgrade and improve infrastructure in Sabah and Sarawak to address the regional gap between the

Peninsula states on the one hand and Sabah and Sarawak on the other hand. And to demand the end of the cabotage policy in Sabah and Sarawak that has been one of the causes of high consumer prices.

5. Women

- i. To endorse Pakatan Rakyat's policies to unleash the full potential of Malaysian women, in particular, to achieve the target of 55 percent female workforce participation, improving from the currently stagnated 46 percent. And to call for comprehensive policies to ensure its realisation, including massive effort in providing child care and related support towards this end.
- ii. To commend the Penang State Government for the formation of Penang Women's Development Corporation and its pro-women policies.

6. Youth

- iii. To support Pakatan Rakyat's free higher education policy and to call for a more vibrant vocational component in the post-secondary school level education;
- iv. To endorse DAPSY's lowering of its age limit from 40 to 35 years old to ensure that DAP remains the most youthful and dynamic political party in Malaysia.

7. Sustainability

To note that sustainability is now the most important shared global issue and to endorse DAP's aspiration to be the natural political choice for Malaysians who are environmental activists;

- v. To call on the Barisan Nasional Government to cease Lynas' operations immediately, or otherwise urge Malaysian voters to use the next election as a referendum on the Lynas rare earth plant;
- vi. To call on the Barisan Nasional Government to give up on its attempt to build nuclear plants in the country and instead rethink Malaysia's energy policies to focus on conservation and demand management;
- vii. To commend the Penang and Selangor Governments on the various initiatives to promote the green agenda.

8. Crime rate and police reform

To note that public security is the key to any decent society, and a society cannot function without trust, both in each other and in public institutions, in particular, the Police; cognizant of the high crime rate that threatens the nation:

- viii. To reiterate our call for the establishment of Independent Police Complaints and Misconducts Commission (IPCMC) and the full implementation of the 125 recommendations of the Royal Commission Report for Police Reform, 2005.

9. Emerging concerns

- ix. To support the Government's initiative to review the mandatory death penalty sentence for drug cases but to call for a wider review of the death penalty.
- x. To call on the Barisan Nasional Government to stop the crony-initiated Automated Enforcement System (AES).
- xi. To call on the Barisan Nasional Government to end the unacceptable long protracted situation of stateless Malaysians, especially among ethnic Indians.
- xii. To support the campaign for customary/native land rights for Ibans and other ethnic groups/tribes in Sarawak and Kadazan Dusun Murut in Sabah, as well as among Orang Asli in Peninsula.
- xiii. To call on the Barisan Nasional Government to commit to the completion of the Royal Commission of Inquiry on illegal migration in Sabah and its recommendations being acted upon and rectified before the next General Election.

10. Candidacy

To endorse the Central Executive Committee decision on 12 March 2012 that generally there be a policy of "one candidate, one-seat" subject to exception to be dealt with on a case-to-case basis by the Candidature Selection Committee based on the party's strategic considerations.