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Your Excellency,

The World Council of Churches wishes to extend its congratulations to you on your recent appointment as Malaysia's Sixth Prime Minister by the King on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2009.

You are taking over the leadership of a country with strong credentials for multiracial and multi-religious harmonious living in the Asian region.

This has been due largely to the efforts of all the previous prime ministers of the country to build a nation that promotes mutual respect and dialogue within the framework of a constitutional democracy.

We are aware that the second prime minister of the country (1970-1976) Tun Abdul Razak, was your late father and has always served as an inspiration to you. Following in his footsteps, we are confident that you will lead your country to greater heights.

One of the current challenges facing the world today is for people of different religions to live in peace. We note that in Malaysia citizens of different religious communities live side-by-side, and throughout its fifty two years of existence as a nation, state, people have lived in relative peace with each other.

We believe the success of Malaysia lies in its high regard for democratic space of its citizens and the promotion of dialogue to build consensus and mutual respect. The lack of such values has been the detriment of many countries coping with pluralism.

The World Council of Churches has always stood for the promotion of justice, peace and reconciliation and for mutual respect between all peoples. We advocate for participatory society in which all citizens will live in dignity, irrespective of their station in life. We support in prayer and solidarity governments which provide space for such values to take root in their countries.

As you take the leadership of Malaysia at a most challenging time, both externally and internally, we are confident that you will build on the successes of the past

administrations and lead Malaysia into a bright future of a truly united and prosperous nation.

We pray that God grant you all the wisdom and strength to implement the much needed reforms as envisaged by you under the banner of One Malaysia.

The churches all around the world are committed to working with progressive governments around the world to tackle the problems of poverty; of protecting human rights; and of building interfaith cooperation and solidarity for just, peaceful and democratic societies. To this end, we look forward to collaborating with your government on many levels to promote such values.

With all the best wishes in your Prime Ministership.

Yours sincerely,

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