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The continuity of UMNO as a main political party in Malaysia stands on the persistence to fight for the Malay race and the honour of the country. This persistence would not only have to be defended but strengthen to face the challenges of an era of development.

The strength and honour of UMNO will be protected if the leaders and its members have the spirit to fight against political detriment. Determination and courage will establish itself when leaders and members of UMNO understand the idealism of UMNO's plight that is derived from the sanctity of the mind, of faith, truthfulness and thankfulness

The tradition and political culture of UMNO whilst going through change of times has to defend this idealism of UMNO's plight. Therefore to control and prevent from any political miscarriage, the members of UMNO would need to have a code of ethics to battle any form of corruption, misconduct, abuse of power and money politics, and any other negative conducts that could cause the spirit of UMNO's plight to fade and weaken UMNO from within.

With that intent, the Supreme Council has provided this code of conduct for its members in accordance with the powers conferred by it under Article 20.12 of UMNO's constitution.

Article 1

1. **Loyalty**

Article 20.8 (UMNO's Constitution)

- 1.1 All members of UMNO must love the party and:
 - 1.1.1 Obey the constitution and this code of ethics
 - 1.1.2 Obey orders given by the party
 - 1.1.3 To carry out the objects of the party
 - 1.1.4 Obey and respect the party's rulings
 - 1.1.5 To protect the party's secrets
 - 1.1.6 To protect the good name and honour of the party
 - 1.1.7 Always show good character.

Article 2

Abuse of power and money politics

- 2.1 Members of the party are forbidden from abusing any power granted or conferred to them with the intent of obtaining votes or support or to influence in any appointment to a post in the party for himself or for any other person or influence so that member does not vote for a person running for a post.
- 2.2 Members are forbidden from given or receiving or allowing their wives, children or any other persons to receive or give on his behalf directly or indirectly any gifts or money from or to any UMNO members:
 - a) whether or not the gifts have anything to do with the selection to a party post.
 - b) whether or not it is monetary, material things, free fares, free passages, services, entertainment, or any other benefits whether tangible or otherwise
- 2.3 The Supreme Council has the power to determine from time to time the form and type of abuse of power, money or other matters mentioned in paragraph 2.1 and 2.2 above.

Article 3

Extortion and Threats

Members of the party are forbidden from using any form of extortion or duress or force or hindrance or use or threaten to causes any harm, damage or loss by any means on any person to coerce or force that person to vote or not to vote any other persons in the selection to a post in the party.

Article 4

Misuse of Media/Agent and Others

4.1 Members of the party are forbidden from producing, telecasting or writing any brochure, magazine, books or any other form of publication that has any form of supporting a campaign:

a) Members of the party are forbidden from distributing any statement either verbally or in writing that is published through any form (printing press, electronics and internet) that contains any form of supporting, defamatory statement, false statement, towards any members.

4.2 Members of the party are forbidden from becoming an agent, lobbyist, campaign manager, and begging votes for any candidate for any selection to any post in the party.

Article 5

Banquet and Meetings

Members of the party are forbidden from organizing any conference, meeting, gathering and any banquet that involves members of UMNO in connection to any selection to any post in the party.

Article 6

Donation/Assistance

Members of the party are forbidden from giving any donations or any form of assistance to the division or branch for purposes of getting support or influencing in any selection to a post in the party for himself or on behalf of others.

Article 7

Punishment

Whosoever if found guilty of breaking this code of ethics may face the punishment as spelt out in Article 20.9 of the UMNO's Constitution.

Article 8

Amendments

UMNO Supreme Council has the power to amend this code of ethics from time to time.