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KUALA LUMPUR: The Government has rejected the proposal to employ women from China as maids. Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the Cabinet did not agree to the proposal by the Malaysian Association of Foreign Housemaids to allow Chinese maids to work here. He said the recent government decision to allow maids from India, Nepal, Laos and Vietnam was to diversify sources of maids so that we are not too dependent on any one country. On Tuesday, the Cabinet Committee on Foreign Workers announced the decision to allow the sourcing of maids from the four countries. In an immediate reaction, the association urged the Government reconsider China as an option by taking into account the constant difficulty in sourcing for maids from Indonesia and the fact that 80% of households that hire maids are Chinese.

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