



**Joint Statement of the
Second ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women (AMMW)
Makati City, the Philippines, 23 October 2015**

WE, the ASEAN Ministers/Heads of Delegations, responsible for gender equality and women's empowerment, gathered in Makati, the Philippines, on 23 October 2015 for the Second ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women with the theme "Accounting for Results on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in the ASEAN Community Vision 2025";

AFFIRMING our adherence to the goals and aspirations of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 as reiterated in the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025, and our commitments under ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD), Declaration of the Advancement of Women in the ASEAN Region (1988), Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Declaration on Elimination of Violence Against Women and Elimination of Violence Against Children, Sustainable Development Goals, and related regional and international instruments that promote, protect and fulfill the human rights of women and girls;

ACKNOWLEDGING the finalisation of the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on Elimination of Violence Against Women;

FURTHER AFFIRMING the commitment made at the First ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women held in October 2012 in Vientiane, Lao PDR, including the Vientiane Declaration on Enhancing Gender Perspective and ASEAN Women's Partnership for Environmental Sustainability;

TAKING NOTE of the progress made in the implementation of the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) Work Plan 2011-2015, the gains that have been achieved and the remaining gaps and challenges that need to be addressed to realise our goals and aspirations towards gender equality and the empowerment of women;

RECOGNISING that gender equality and women's empowerment are integral principles in the ASEAN community building process, and that realising these principles requires the commitment of all ASEAN Member States, sectoral bodies under the three pillars of ASEAN, and stakeholders including civil society, academia, media and private sectors;

DO HEREBY:

ENCOURAGE ASEAN Member States to adopt and implement the ACW Work Plan 2016-2020 and to collaborate among themselves as well as with relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies and international organisations to progressively achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women;

STRONGLY URGE the three pillars of ASEAN, the political-security, economic, and socio-cultural, to work towards achieving gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls by mainstreaming gender perspective in their respective policies, plans and programmes;

TASK the ACW to develop a strategy for gender mainstreaming mechanism in the three pillars of ASEAN;

ENCOURAGE the development and operationalisation of multi-sectoral mechanisms to monitor progress on gender equality and the empowerment of all women through the use of sex disaggregated data for evidence-based analysis of the situation of women and girls;

STRENGTHEN our commitment to take concrete steps to address gender inequalities in the political-security, economic, and socio-cultural spheres and contribute to realising the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 in complementarity with the Sustainable Development Goals;

ADOPT IN PRINCIPLE the ACW Work Plan for 2016-2020 to guide future efforts in sustaining the gains and overcoming the persistent and emerging challenges in promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women.

Agreed by the Ministers/Heads of Delegations of ASEAN Member States on this Twenty Third Day of October in the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen in Makati City, the Philippines.

**LIST OF MINISTERS/HEADS OF DELEGATIONS
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