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## **HANOI DECLARATION ON TRADITIONAL MEDICINE IN ASEAN**

We, the delegates of the Second Conference on Traditional Medicine in ASEAN Countries held in Hanoi, Viet Nam on 31 October – 2 November 2010

**REAFFIRMING** the purposes of ASEAN among others to maintain and enhance peace, security and stability and further strengthen peace-oriented values in the region, as enunciated by the ASEAN Charter;

**ENDEAVOURING** to put into operation actions stipulated in the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community (2009-2015) and further elaborated in Strategic Framework on Health Development (2010-2015) to facilitate research and cross-country exchange of experience in promoting the integration of safe, effective and quality Traditional Medicine, Complementary and Alternative Medicine into the national healthcare system, and across other sectors;

**REITERATING** the World Health Organization's Resolution on Traditional Medicine made in May 2009 to support countries to integrate Traditional Medicine with national healthcare systems, promote the safety, efficacy and quality of Traditional Medicine by expanding the knowledge-base on Traditional Medicine, increase the availability and affordability of Traditional Medicine, as appropriate, with an emphasis on access for poor populations, and promote therapeutically sound use of appropriate Traditional Medicine by providers and consumers;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that Traditional Medicine is often the most widely available and affordable source of healthcare in ASEAN;

**SEEKING** to build on the gains brought about by close collaboration between ASEAN and other partners by exploring more opportunities for cooperation, as well as developing capacity and capability including sharing of knowledge, information, technical and financial assistance in Traditional Medicine;

**MINDFUL** of the importance of safety, efficacy, and quality of Traditional Medicine in the promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative aspects of healthcare in ASEAN;

**RECOGNIZING** that ASEAN Member States possess an abundance of untapped and newly discovered herbal and medicinal plants and other natural resources, as well as indigenous traditional medicine knowledge and practices which have evolved from different ethnological, cultural, geographical, philosophical backgrounds, and the need to ensure sustainable management of biological diversity;

**EMPHASIZING** the importance of the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources, endangered species and medicinal plants traditional medicine knowledge and experiences.

**RECOGNIZING** that ASEAN Member States have different regulations on integration of traditional medicine/complementary and alternative medicines into the national healthcare system and into other areas.

**BUILDING** on all the commitments of the Bangkok Declaration of the First Conference on Traditional Medicine in ASEAN Countries held in Bangkok on 31 August -2 September in 2009;

**WELCOMING** the support of the Nippon Foundation to assist Member States in promoting Traditional Medicine, among others.

**HEREBY DECLARE:**

1. To develop a comprehensive workplan and cooperative mechanism for collaboration on traditional medicine in ASEAN Member States;
2. To promote further integration of traditional medicine, complementary and alternative medicines into the national healthcare system by different forms in different areas of traditional medicine, including promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative aspects of healthcare.
3. To introduce models of effective integration of traditional medicine/complementary alternative medicines into the national health care system where appropriate, and promote activities to share experiences in traditional medicine management, services, knowledge and practices in ASEAN Member States by widely promulgating suitable and effective integration models in the region;
4. To promote harmonisation of national standards and technical requirements based on national specifications to ensure the safety, efficacy and quality of traditional medicines in ASEAN Member States;
5. To further encourage evidence-based scientific research on traditional medicine practices;
6. To develop and continue the implementation of specific activities to strengthen the cooperation on traditional medicine of regulatory authorities, hospitals, research institutes, universities, suppliers, industries, professional and non-professional associations, academies, communities as well as relevant organizations as key partners; and
7. To empower consumers to become active participants in healthcare and to make informed choices to maximize the benefits and minimize the risks of traditional medicine/complementary and alternative medicines.

**DONE** in Hanoi, Vietnam, on this Second Day of November in the Year Two Thousand and Ten.