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ASEAN DECLARATION ON STRENGTHENING SOCIAL PROTECTION

WE, the Heads of State/Government of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (hereinafter referred to as “ASEAN”), namely Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, on the occasion of the 23rd ASEAN Summit in Brunei Darussalam;

REAFFIRMING our commitment to build an ASEAN Community comprising three pillars, namely the ASEAN Political and Security Community, the ASEAN Economic Community and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community that are closely intertwined and mutually reinforcing by 2015;

GUIDED BY the ASEAN Charter which sets out the purposes of ASEAN in particular to enhance the well-being and livelihood of the peoples of ASEAN by providing them with equitable access to opportunities for human development, social welfare and justice;

MINDFUL the primary goal of the ASEAN Socio Cultural Community is to contribute to realising an ASEAN Community that is people-centred and socially responsible with a view to achieving enduring solidarity and unity among the nations and peoples of ASEAN by forging a common identity and building a caring and sharing society which is inclusive and harmonious where the well-being, livelihood, and welfare of the peoples are enhanced;
RECALLING the Cha-am Hua Hin Declaration on the Roadmap for the ASEAN Community (2009-2015) that recognised the role of social protection in enhancing the well-being and livelihood of the peoples of ASEAN;

FURTHER RECALLING the collective commitments of ASEAN in, among others, the Bali Declaration on ASEAN Community in A Global Community of Nations; Cebu Declaration Towards One Caring and Sharing Community; ASEAN Human Rights Declaration; Bali Declaration on the Enhancement of the Role and Participation of the Persons with Disabilities in ASEAN Community; Proclamation of the ASEAN Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2011-2020): Towards an Inclusive Society; Joint Declaration and ASEAN Roadmap on the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals in ASEAN; Brunei Darussalam Declaration on Strengthening Family Institution: Caring for the Elderly; Ha Noi Declaration on the Enhancement of Welfare and Development of ASEAN Women and Children; Declaration on the Commitments for Children in ASEAN; Resolution on the ASEAN Plan of Action for Children; Declaration on the Advancement of Women in the ASEAN Region; ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers; as well as in the work programmes of the relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies;

ACKNOWLEDGING the commitments of individual ASEAN Member States to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), and other related international instruments that ASEAN Member States are parties to;

NOTING the concept of “Regional Policy Advocacy on Social Protection: An Agenda for ASEAN Community 2015, Toward an ASEAN Social Protection Framework” initiated by Cambodia during the 8th Meeting of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council on 25 October 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia; recommendations of the 6th ASEAN GO-NGO Forum for Social
Welfare and Development and 7th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD) held on 20-22 September 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand, as well as the 7th ASEAN GO-NGO Forum on Social Welfare and Development, and 8th SOMSWD held on 12-14 September 2012 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, respectively, as well as recommendations of the Regional Workshop on Social Protection and Promoting Social Services for Vulnerable Groups held on 11 September 2012 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, as well as ILO Recommendation concerning national floors of social protection, 2012 (No. 202);

DO HEREBY:

Principles

STRIVE to adhere to the following principles that are applied in accordance with the domestic laws and policies of respective ASEAN Member States, nationally-defined social protection and its national priorities, and adapted to the different contexts of ASEAN Member States:

1. Everyone, especially those who are poor, at risk, persons with disabilities, older people, out-of-school youth, children, migrant workers, and other vulnerable groups, are entitled to have equitable access to social protection that is a basic human right and based on a rights-based/needs-based, life-cycle approach and covering essential services as needed;

2. Extending coverage, availability, quality, equitability and sustainability of social protection should be gradually promoted to ensure optimal benefits to the beneficiaries;

3. Social protection covers, but is not limited to, social welfare and development, social safety-nets, social insurance, social assistance, social services, in ASEAN Member States;

4. Implementation of social protection should be based on respect for fundamental freedoms, promotion and
protection of human rights, promotion of social justice, social solidarity, non-discrimination, accessibility, reasonable accommodation, gender equality, social inclusiveness, coherence, and accountability;

5. Implementation of social protection towards progressive realisation in ASEAN Member States is the main responsibility of the respective governments based on national legislations, policies, programmes, strategies, standards and guidelines;

6. Social protection is a cross-cutting issue, hence its implementation requires coordinated and holistic approaches with the involvement of governments, private sectors, development partners, civil society, service providers, and other stakeholders, where appropriate;

7. Family unit and the community are an important element in supporting and delivering social protection services and therefore should be strengthened and preserved;

8. Inclusive and participatory approach should be ensured in the planning, programming and budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation processes of social protection at all levels in the region to realise the strengthening of institutional capacity, transparency and responsiveness to the needs of those concerned;

9. Social protection is an investment in people that should be supported by adequate resources in order to empower them to meet their basic needs;

10. Social protection shall be adaptive to the different risks such as lifestyle and individual risks, social risks, and emerging risks and vulnerabilities faced by the region such as, but not limited to, changes in the economy and labour markets and impacts of climate change, disasters and economic crises.
Strategies and Mechanisms

FURTHER STRIVE to foster the following concrete actions towards improved quality, coverage, and sustainability of social protection in ASEAN Member States subject to each ASEAN Member State’s national policies and priorities and adapted to the different contexts of ASEAN Member States:

11. Support national policies, strategies and mechanisms to strengthen the implementation of social protection programme, as well as effective targeting systems to ensure social protection services would go to those most in need;

12. Advocate strategies that promote the coverage, availability, comprehensiveness, quality, equitability, affordability and sustainability of various social protection services, including the expansion of social insurance to the informal sector; strengthening social assistance programmes for persons with disabilities, elderly, children and other vulnerable groups; greater access to social protection programmes and services, including vocational trainings as part of active labour market interventions and human resource development;

13. Promote results-based and evidence-based national assessments and benchmarking of social protection delivery services in ASEAN Member States that would contribute to the progressive implementation, effective monitoring and evaluation, as well as optimum impact of social protection;

14. Explore and develop assessment tools and regional statistical indicators where appropriate to measure the impact of social protection to the holistic development of vulnerable groups for future planning towards available accurate baseline data collection;

15. Allocate adequate financial resources for social protection in line with national targets and subject to the capacity of each Government;
16. Strengthen the capacity of government officials, communities, service providers, and other stakeholders for better responsiveness, coordination and effectiveness of social protection and delivery services at regional, national and local levels;

17. Collectively accelerate the progress towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in all ASEAN Member States by strengthening capacity to assess and manage health systems to support UHC through sharing of experiences, information and experts;

18. Foster the involvement of the existing mechanisms of ASEAN sectoral bodies, including the ASEAN+3 Network on Universal Health Coverage, in promoting social protection in the region through projects and activities to support ASEAN Member States in fulfilling the social protection of the people, particularly the poor, persons with disabilities, older people, children and other vulnerable groups;

19. Promote multi-sectoral responsiveness of social protection through consultations, sharing of information on good practices and policies, knowledge management, cooperation, and coordination on social protection amongst the relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies with the support of the ASEAN Secretariat. In this regard, the relevant ASEAN Ministerial Sectoral Bodies are tasked to convene an inter-sectoral regional consultation meeting involving SOMSWD, Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE), Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD), Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM), ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW), and ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM), and other relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies from the economic and political-security pillars should be convened regularly, as much as possible, to promote coordinated and holistic approach;
20. Assign the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD), with the support of SOMSWD, as the focal point for inter-sectoral cooperation on social protection at regional level, while acknowledging the different national coordinating mechanisms in ASEAN Member States;

21. Build and strengthen the networking and partnerships within and among ASEAN Member States as well as with Dialogue Partners, UN Agencies, civil society, private sectors, development partners, and other stakeholders in supporting adequate resources and effective implementation of the commitments reflected in this Declaration.

ADOPTED in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, this Ninth Day of October in the Year Two Thousand and Thirteen, in a single original copy, in the English Language.
Vision : Uplift the quality of life of ASEAN peoples by 2025.

Goal : Enhance the well-being, welfare, and livelihood of the peoples throughout their life cycle.

Objectives :

a). Reduce poverty, inequalities, vulnerability, and other risks.

b). Enhance capacity of the poor and vulnerable groups.

c). Achieve inclusion and enhance equitable access of the poor, at risk, and vulnerable groups including but not limited to persons with disabilities, older people, youth, women, children, undernourished, victims of disasters, migrant workers, to opportunities and social protection.

d). Move towards the equitable and sustainable development of the target groups.

Principles1 :

Strive to adhere to the following principles that are applied in accordance with the domestic laws and policies of respective ASEAN Member States, nationally-defined social protection and its national priorities, and adapted to the different contexts of ASEAN Member States:

1. Everyone, especially those who are poor, at risk, persons with disabilities, older people, out-of-school youth, children, migrant workers, and other vulnerable groups, is entitled to have equitable access to social protection that is a basic human right and on a rights-based/needs-based, life-cycle approach and covering essential services as needed;

1  These principles are cited from the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection adopted by the Leaders at the 23rd ASEAN Summit in 2013.
2. Extending coverage, availability, quality, equitability and sustainability of social protection should be gradually promoted to ensure optimal benefits to the beneficiaries;

3. Social protection covers, but is not limited to, social welfare and development, social safety-nets, social insurance, social assistance, social services, in ASEAN Member States;

4. Implementation of social protection should be based on respect for fundamental freedoms, promotion and protection of human rights, promotion of social justice, social solidarity, non-discrimination, accessibility, reasonable accommodation, gender equality, social inclusiveness, coherence, and accountability;

5. Implementation of social protection towards progressive realisation in ASEAN Member States is the main responsibility of the respective governments based on national legislations, policies, programmes, strategies, standards and guidelines;

6. Social protection is a cross-cutting issue, hence its implementation requires coordinated and holistic approaches with the involvement of governments, private sectors, development partners, civil society, service providers, and other stakeholders, where appropriate;

7. Family unit and the community are an important element in supporting and delivering social protection services and therefore should be strengthened and preserved;

8. Inclusive and participatory approach should be ensured in the planning, programming and budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation processes of social protection at all levels in the region to realise the strengthening of institutional capacity, transparency and responsiveness to the needs of those concerned;

9. Social protection is an investment in people that should be supported by adequate resources in order to empower them to meet their basic needs;

10. Social protection shall be adaptive to the different risks such as lifestyle and individual risks, social risks, and emerging risks and vulnerabilities faced by the region such as, but not
limited to, changes in the economy and labour markets and impacts of climate change, disasters and economic crises.

**Definition of Social Protection:**

Interventions that consist of policies and programmes designed to reduce poverty, inequalities, and vulnerability by assisting the poor, at risk, vulnerable groups such as but not limited to persons with disabilities, older people, youth, women, children, undernourished, victims of disasters, migrant workers, and as well as families and communities to enhance their capacities to better manage risks and enhance equal access to essential services and opportunities on a rights based/needs based approach. Definitions of migrant workers and applicability of social protection schemes shall be in accordance to the prevailing national laws, policies and regulations of ASEAN Member States.
Regional Framework of Social Protection

VISION
UPLIFT THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF ASEAN PEOPLES BY 2025

GOAL
ENHANCE THE WELL BEING, WELFARE, & LIVELIHOOD OF THE PEOPLES THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFE CYCLE

OBJECTIVES
REDUCE POVERTY, INEQUALITIES, VULNERABILITY, OTHER RISKS, AND ENHANCE CAPACITY OF THE POOR AND VULNERABLE GROUPS

ACHIEVE INCLUSION AND ENHANCE EQUITABLE ACCESS OF THE POOR, AT RISK, AND VULNERABLE GROUPS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PWDs, OLDER PEOPLE, WOMEN, YOUTH, CHILDREN, UNDERNOURISHED, VICTIMS OF DISASTERS, MIGRANT WORKERS, AND TO OPPORTUNITIES AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

RISKS ADDRESSED
LIFE CYCLE AND INDIVIDUAL RISKS
SOCIAL RISKS
ENVIRONMENT AND IMPACTS OF DISASTER RISKS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
ECONOMIC RISKS

CORE PROGRAMMES
SOCIAL WELFARE / SOCIAL ASSISTANCE
SOCIAL INSURANCE
LABOUR MARKET INTERVENTIONS AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
SOCIAL SAFETY NETS

COVERAGE
TARGETTED SECTORS / AREAS
UNIVERSAL COVERAGE

KEY STRATEGIES
RESOURCE MOBILIZATION
CAPACITY BUILDING
MULTI SECTORAL-RESPONSES
COMMUNICATIONS AND COORDINATION
M&E SYSTEM (including benchmarking)
### Action Plan

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16 Strengthen the capacity of government officials, communities, service providers, and other stakeholders for better responsiveness, coordination and effectiveness of social protection and delivery services at regional, national and local levels

<p>| a) Advocacy on social protection | |
| • Foster deeper understanding of the common framework on social protection that facilitates the establishment and/or strengthening of national social protection frameworks/platforms/mechanisms | Capacity building | SOMSWD | ACDM ACW ACWC SLOM SOM-AMAF SOMHD SOMRDPE Development Planning Agencies | Y (with AEC, APSC) | SOCA SOCCOM | Expertise Technical assistance Financial assistance | Adoption of the social protection framework and action plan by the ASEAN Leaders |
| • Raise awareness of the target beneficiaries on social protection measures and its accessibility | | | | | | | |</p>
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<td>Study the portability of social insurance for documented migrant workers and their immigrant families, specifically the feasibility of its transferability across ASEAN Member States</td>
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<td>Recommend minimum standards and training needs for certain professions, e.g. medical professionals, nurses, social workers, etc.</td>
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**Enhance the National Policy/Legislation for Universal Health Coverage in ASEAN Member States:**

**a) Advocacy**

- Compilation and Sharing information of UHC in AMS, which could include baseline study

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- Stakeholder assessment: Map and link ASEAN Platform/ Bodies working for the UHC and Social Protection
### Capacity Building

**Main Strategy:**

**Potential Partner:**
- UN agencies
- World Bank
- Asian Development Bank
- HelpAge International
- (with AEC, APSC)

**Cross Pillar:**
- Y (with AEC, APSC)

**Coordinating Mechanism:**
- SOCA
- SOC-COM
- ASEAN Plus Three UHC Network

**Resources Needed:**
- Expertise and human resources
- Technical assistance
- Financial assistance

**Indicators of Success:**
- Presence of baseline information
- Common standards of service providers

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**Key Result Areas and Strategic Actions:**

**ART:** 16

**Main Strategy:**

- Strengthen the capacity of government officials, communities, service providers, and other stakeholders for better responsiveness, coordination and effectiveness of social protection and delivery services at regional, national and local levels.

**Potential Partner:**
- SOMSWD
- SOMHD
- through the ASEAN Plus Three Network
- Other sectoral bodies

**Coordinating Mechanism:**
- Y
- (with AEC, APSC)

**Resources Needed:**
- Expertise and human resources
- Technical assistance
- Financial assistance

**Indicators of Success:**
- Presence of baseline information
- Common standards of service providers

- a) Build capacity and capability of service providers
- b) Facilitate learning from each other’s experiences and best practices
- c) Ensure availability of technical assistance and expertise that strongly consider and are sensitive to the needs of vulnerable groups
- d) Strengthen coordination and enlist the support of United Nation Agencies, regional and inter-regional cooperation mechanisms to improve the capacity of government agencies and other stakeholders on social protection throughout technical assistance programs, capacity building and pilot projects in accordance with the level of development and interests of the member states.
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- **a)** Explore the development of regional baseline information and assessment of social protection policies, programmes and strategies in AMS (disaggregated based on sectors, target groups, age, and sex) where appropriate, and allowing for domestic policy considerations.

<p>| | Monitoring and evaluation Capacity building | SOMSWD (lead body) SLOM ACW ACWC ACDM SOMHD SOMRDPE SOM-AMAF Development Planning Agencies ACSS | UN Agencies World Bank ADB HelpAge International INGOs Workers’ organisations Employers’ organisations Academia | Y | SOMSWD as the coordinating body | Inputs from relevant national and regional surveys and studies | Baseline report on social protection |</p>
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List of ASEAN Sectoral Bodies:

- ACDM : ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management
- ACSS : ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee
- ACW : ASEAN Committee on Women
- ACWC : ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children
- SLOM : ASEAN Senior Labour Officials Meeting
- SOM-AMAF : Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry
- SOM-ED : ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Education
- SOMHD : ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Health and Development
- SOMRDPE : ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication
- SOMSWD : ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development
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