OVERVIEW OF ASEAN-CHILE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

1. Chile was conferred the status of Development Partner of ASEAN during the ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ Meeting on 22 June 2019, at the sidelines of the 34th ASEAN Summit in Bangkok, Thailand. The ASEAN-Chile Development Partnership has been further institutionalised through the convening of the First ASEAN-Chile Development Partnership Committee (AC-DPC) Meeting, which was held on 30 January 2020 at the ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta. At the Meeting, ASEAN and Chile adopted the Terms of Reference for the AC-DPC, which serves as a platform to explore practical cooperation between ASEAN and Chile and is expected to support ASEAN’s community building efforts. The AC-DPC also agreed to develop the ASEAN–Chile Practical Cooperation Areas (PCA) framework that is practical and pragmatic, and would bring tangible benefits for both sides.

2. The first nominated Ambassador of Chile to ASEAN, H.E. Eduardo Ruiz Asmussen, presented his credentials to the then Secretary-General of ASEAN, H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, on 17 June 2011. The current Ambassador of Chile to ASEAN, H.E. Gustavo Ayares, presented his Letter of Credence to Secretary-General of ASEAN, H.E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi on 13 September 2019.

3. Chile acceded to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) in 2016. There were several high-level visits between both sides over the past years, including the visit to the ASEAN Secretariat by the then President of Chile, H.E. Michelle Bachelet on 12 May 2017. Chile has established diplomatic relations with all ASEAN Member States, including its resident Ambassadors in six ASEAN Member States namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, and accredited a non-resident Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar. The ASEAN Committee in Santiago was established in July 2013, consisting of five ASEAN Member States’ Missions in Santiago, Chile.

4. The total two-way trade between ASEAN and Chile calculated at USD 3.1 billion in 2018. More than 20.5 million people from Chile arrived in destinations across ASEAN in 2018. Chile has been conducting various capacity-building programmes with individual ASEAN Member States through the Chilean International Cooperation for Development Agency (AGCID).

5. Chile has also been engaging with ASEAN and its Member States through CELAC (formerly Rio Group) and the Pacific Alliance.

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1 Source: https://data.aseanstats.org/dashboard/imts.hs2
2 Source: https://data.aseanstats.org/dashboard/tourism