



AMBASSADOR
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE
IN PARIS

27 January 2017

Excellency,

**REPORT OF THE SINGAPORE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE ASEAN
COMMITTEE IN PARIS, JULY – NOVEMBER 2016**

I have the honour to convey to you the report of Singapore's Chairmanship of the ASEAN Committee in Paris (ACP) from July – November 2016, pursuant to the 2010 Rules of Procedure for the ASEAN Committees in Third Countries and International Organisations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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**REPORT OF THE SINGAPORE CHAIRMANSHIP
OF THE ASEAN COMMITTEE IN PARIS, JULY- NOVEMBER 2016**

1 This is a report summarising the work of the ASEAN Committee in Paris (ACP) under Chairmanship of Singapore pursuant to Paragraph 21 of the 2010 Rules of Procedure for ASEAN Third Committees in Third Countries and International Organisations. Ambassador Zainal Arif Mantaha of the Republic of Singapore formally assumed as ACP Chair on 27 July 2016, at the conclusion of the Chairmanship of H.E. Ms Ma Therese P Lazaro of the Republic of the Philippines. The ACP Secretary was Mr Teddy Low, First Secretary at the Singapore Embassy.

Composition

2 The composition of the ACP and the ACP Working Group during the period under review is set out in Annex A. The ACP was pleased to welcome Ambassador of Negara Brunei Darussalam HE Datin Paduka Malai Halimah Yusof, who presented her credentials to the President of the French Republic on 9 November 2016.

Meetings

3 ACP convened two meetings during the period under review:

- (a) ACP Meeting 06/2016 on 27 July 2016; and
- (b) ACP Meeting 07/2016 on 28 November 2016

4 The Summary Notes of the meetings are attached at Annexes B and C.

5 In addition, the ACP Working Group also held a meeting on 22 August 2016 and 24 November 2016.

Activities

6 ACP undertook the following activities in discharge of its primary mandate to promote ASEAN's interests and identity in France as elaborated in the 2010 Terms of Reference for ASEAN Committees in Third Countries and International Organisations:

- (a) **Working Lunch hosted by ACP Chair with Prof Christian de Boissieu, Vice-President of the *Cercle des économistes* (Circle of Economists) and Member of the Board of the *l'Autorité des Marchés Financiers* (Financial Market Authority), Singapore Embassy, 27 July 2016**

Key outcome: The involvement list is attached at [Annex D](#). Prof Boissieu shared his perspectives with the ACP on the economic developments in France and the EU.

- (b) **Lunch hosted by Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, Mr Jean-Marc Ayrault, *L'Hôtel du Ministre des Affaires étrangères*, 28 September 2016**

Key outcome: The involvement list is attached at [Annex E](#). This is the first contact between the ACP and Foreign Minister Ayrault. It provided an opportunity for the ACP to exchange views with the Minister on a broad range of issues including the state of relations between France and ASEAN and the ASEAN Member States, French foreign policy preoccupations, recent developments in Asia and Europe, as well as domestic developments in France. ACP Chair also alerted Minister Ayrault to the fact that 2017 will mark the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN and the 40th Anniversary of the ASEAN-EU Dialogue Partnership and expressed the hope of the ACP to work closely with the French Government to commemorate these occasions and secure high-level representation of the French government at any commemorative event.

- (c) **Working Lunch hosted by ACP with Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development Mr Christian Masset, *Brasserie Benoit*, 17 October 2016**

Key outcome: The involvement list is attached at [Annex F](#). This is the first contact between the ACP and the Secretary-General Masset. The ACP had a good exchange with the Secretary-General on current foreign policy priorities of France, as well as on major international developments, including in the Middle East. The ACP was also able to engage the Secretary-General on the outcome of the 21st ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting held in Bangkok, 13-14 October 2016, and sought France's support to advance proposals to inject new impetus in ASEAN-EU relations as the two organisations commemorate the 40th anniversary of the ASEAN-EU Dialogue Partnership in 2017. The Secretary-General agreed to hold such exchanges with ACP on a more regular basis.

- (d) **Visit to Lyon, Rhone-Alpes-Auvergne, in conjunction with *Pollutec* 2016, 30 November 2016**

Key outcome: The final programme is attached at [Annex G](#). This visit was organised in collaboration with Mr Philippe Varin, the Special Representative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for ASEAN, the Southeast Asian Section, Asia and Oceania Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development and the International Department of the Lyon Metropole. *Pollutec* is a biennial international trade show for environmental technology and solutions. Vietnam was the featured country this year. The ACP met Senator and Mayor of Lyon Mr Gérard Collomb, the President of the Regional Council of

Rhone Alpes-Auvergne Mr Laurent Wauquiez and Mr Gerard Wolf, Special Representative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for “Better City Living”. The visit was an opportunity for the ACP to promote awareness of ASEAN in the region of Rhône-Alpes-Auvergne and its capital, Lyon, one of the most dynamic regions and cities in France. The ACP also learnt about the strategy of the Metropole of Lyon to develop and implement smart solutions, particularly in the urban renewal project of *La Confluence* Eco District. The ACP was accompanied by delegates from some ASEAN Member States attending Pollutec 2016.

7 In addition, the ACP Working Group also organised the **ASEAN Family Day** Bowling Tournament, Bowling Foch, 24 September 2016. The order of proceedings for the event is attached at Annex H. The event helped strengthen camaraderie among staff members of the embassies of ASEAN member states in Paris and their families.

Future Activities

8 The table below lists the activities that had been discussed and initiated during the period under review that need to be further developed and realised:

ACTIVITY	DATE	STATUS
Working lunch with Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister Mr Stéphane Romatet	6 Dec 16	This has been scheduled.
Working Lunch with President of MEDEF Pierre Gattaz and President of MEDEF International Frédéric Sanchez	16 Dec 16	This has been scheduled.
Courtesy call or lunch with Secretary of State for External Trade, Tourism Promotion and Overseas French Mr Matthias Fekl	TBC	ACP Chair has written to Secretary of State Fekl on 11 July 2016 (see <u>Annex I</u>). ACP Chair last contacted the Director of the Office of the State Secretary Mr Cyrille Pierre to seek a date for a meeting.
Working lunch with Chairman and CEO of Thales Mr Patrice Caine	TBC	ACP Chair has verbally raised this and obtained Mr Caine's in-principle agreement to meet the ACP over lunch. ACP has also written to him to remind him of his in-principle agreement and seek dates for such a lunch.

<p>Commemorative Event(s) to mark ASEAN's 50th Anniversary and the 40th Anniversary of the ASEAN-EU Dialogue Partnership</p>	<p>3Q 2017</p>	<p>The different alternatives presented by the ACP Chair for discussion are at <u>Annex J</u>. The ACP has not made any decision. Nevertheless, the ACP has stressed the importance of the cost-effectiveness of the commemorative events, taking into account the limited resources of ASEAN Missions. It also agreed the ACP should seek guidance from ASEC on the tone to be set for the celebration of these anniversaries. The ACP agreed that it should strive to have a ministerial level representation on the French side at the commemorative event and recognised that ASEAN should also be prepared to secure the presence of a high-level official from the ASEAN Secretariat.</p>
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Conclusion

9 The ACP Chair thanks ACP members and the ACP Working Group for the support they have rendered that had led to the realisation of activities and the development of different projects. Singapore looks forward to continue working closely with the ACP Chair for the period November 2016 to March 2017, H.E. Mr Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand, and his team.



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ANNEX A

<u>Country</u>	<u>ACP</u>	<u>ACP Working Group</u>
Brunei	HE Datin Paduka Malai Halimah Yusof	Ms Zaidah Shahminan, Second Secretary
Cambodia	H.E. Dr. Chem Widhya	Mr Sovanra Nong, Second Secretary
Indonesia	H.E. Mr Hotmangaradja Pandjaitan	Mr Teuku Zulkaryadi, First Secretary
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Malaysia	H.E. Dato' Ibrahim Abdullah	Mr Mohamad Razdan Jamil, Deputy Chief of Mission Mr Johnny Ong Tze Shen, Second Secretary
Myanmar	H.E. Mr Han Thu	Mr Sithu Aung, Second Secretary
Philippines	H.E. Ms Ma. Theresa Lazaro	Ms Aileen Mendiola-Rau, Minister and Consul General Ms Hazel Imperial, Attaché
Singapore	H.E. Mr Zainal Arif Mantaha	Mr Teddy Low, First Secretary
Thailand	H.E. Mr Sihasak Phuangketkeow	Ms Penkhae Intarasuwan, Counsellor Ms Chalida Chunnark, Counsellor
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**ASEAN COMMITTEE IN PARIS MEETING 06/2016
EMBASSY OF SINGAPORE IN PARIS
27 JULY 2016**

SUMMARY NOTES

The ASEAN Committee in Paris (ACP) met on 27 July 2016.

The list of participants is attached as Appendix A.

Chairman noted that while summer was traditionally a quiet period in Europe, this was not the case in 2016 in light of the ISIS-linked attacks in Nice and Saint-Etienne-Du-Rouvray. He noted further that ACP was meeting against the backdrop of the ruling on the South China Sea by the Permanent Court of Arbitration. He congratulated Laos on the successful organisation of the 49th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and Related Meetings, which took place from 21 to 26 July 2016.

1. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

The meeting agreed to adopt the amended Provisional Agenda, at Appendix B.

2. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Summary Notes on the ACP meeting held on 3 May 2016

The meeting considered and adopted the Draft Summary Notes of the ACP Meeting 05/2016. Chairman thanked the Philippines for its efforts during its Chairmanship of the ACP.

3. Recent and upcoming activities

Recent

3.1 Visit to ENGIE HQ on 27 June 2016

Chairman thanked Philippines for making the arrangements for the visit to ENGIE HQ. Thailand noted that the meeting was substantive, and encouraged the ACP to consider organising similar events in the future. Chairman informed the meeting that CEO of Thales Patrice Caine had agreed to receive the ACP, to present Thales' activities in ASEAN during a meeting, followed by lunch. Chairman said he would welcome suggestions from members on other companies that the ACP could visit and noted that there were other enterprises outside of Paris (such as Toulouse and Lyon) that the ACP could engage.

3.2 ASEAN Bowling Tournament, 24 September 2016

Malaysia asked whether the cost of the ASEAN Bowling Tournament at Bowling Foch on 24 September 2016 was good for value, suggesting that an ASEAN picnic might make a more cost-effective alternative to the Bowling Tournament. Cambodia suggested that the ACP Working Group (WG) explore the possibility of reducing the duration of the rental of the bowling alley. Philippines reminded the meeting that the ACP had in fact already discussed and decided on the bowling option for the 2016 ASEAN Family Day activity and the choice of Bowling Foch, which ACP had previously agreed was most suitable location. To help put the cost issue into perspective, Brunei also recalled that while the ACP had to pay rental for the activity in 2016, the ACP had made use of a field in Ris Orangis for ASEAN Family Day Picnic in 2015 without any charge. Chairman thanked the meeting for comments on this matter and noted that Singapore had gone along with the consensus on the bowling activity for the 2016 ASEAN Family Day notwithstanding the higher costs of the activity as Singapore did not want to constrain the creativity of the WG in organising an activity that would strengthen camaraderie among ASEAN Missions in Paris and their families. He also agreed that bowling was such an inclusive activity. After noting that the Philippines had already signed a contract of service with Bowling Foch based on the agreement that the ACP had reached previously, Chairman requested the ACP WG to enquire with the management of Bowling Foch if it would agree to vary the contract to reduce the duration of the rental of the venue. He also noted that if that were not an option, ACP should go back to the consensus that it reached previously.

3.3 Working lunch with Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development Mr Jean-Marc Ayrault, 28 September 2016

Chairman welcomed the meeting for suggestions of topics that could be raised at this working lunch. As examples, Chairman suggested that Brexit and France's engagement in ASEAN could be raised. Malaysia suggested discussing immigration and terrorism in France. Cambodia noted that different issues should be covered at the working lunch with Ayrault and with Masset. Cambodia suggested that the ACP focus its discussions with Ayrault on the French Foreign Ministry's priorities for its Ambassadors, while discussions with Masset could focus on ASEAN-France and ASEAN-EU relations. Philippines suggested that the ACP ask the QDO for the topics that Ayrault would raise, to identify synergies with the issues that the ACP would raise. Chairman informed the meeting that the lunch would likely be held in English, with translation.

3.4 Working lunch with Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, Mr Christian Masset, 17 October 2016

Thailand asked Chairman on the possibility of holding the lunch on 20 October 2016 instead, as Thailand would be involved with its regular Political Dialogue with the French on 17 October 2016. As no other ACP member had any objections to 20 October 2016, Chairman noted that the ACP Chair would check with Masset's office on this possibility, and that he would update the ACP accordingly.

Proposed

3.5 Working lunch with Secretary of State for Foreign Trade, the Promotion of Tourism and French Nationals Abroad Mr Matthias Fekl, date TBC

Chairman surmised that given Fekl's heavy travel schedule, it might be difficult to secure an appointment for a working lunch with the ACP. The ACP chair would nevertheless continue to follow up with Fekl's office and update accordingly.

3.6 Visit to Lyon

Chairman updated the meeting that the latest plan was for the ACP to visit Lyon at the sidelines of the Pollutec Forum, which would take place from 29 November – 2 December 2016. Chairman also informed the meeting that the Lyon Metropole has been given an informal notification of the visit. The meeting agreed the following suggestions by the Chairman for this ACP's visit to Lyon:

- (i) Each Embassy will be free to organise one or two individual meetings during the visit
- (ii) The Chair will arrange the following joint events with all ACP members:
 - a. Call or Meal with Lyon Mayor Gerard Collomb;
 - b. President of the Rhone-Alpes-Auvergne Region Laurent Wauquiez; and
 - c. Meeting with an apex business organisation in Lyon, e.g. MEDEF.

The meeting agreed that the Chair would not propose organising any additional site visits, unless there was a clear consensus within the ACP to do so.

4. Commemoration of ASN50 in 2017

Laos called for adequate lead time to be given for the planned commemorative activities in 2017, in order for adequate budgetary resources to be allocated. Chairman invited ACP members to inform Singapore when these deadlines were, to allow Singapore to propose adequate substance. Chairman noted that the commemorative events organised by the ACP should be coordinated with other ASEAN Committees in Third Countries, notably in London and

Berlin. It was important to secure the presence of a high-level representative from ASEAN, ideally ASEAN Secretary-General, but no lower than a Deputy Secretary-General, in order to secure a high-level representation from the French.

Chairman sought the views if members would prefer a scaled-down event due to budgetary constraints. Cambodia highlighted that it was important to allocate adequate budget to ensure that the event would impress the French. Also agreeing that there needed to be a high level of representation from ASEAN, Cambodia also suggested that the commemorative event also showcase ASEAN culture.

Malaysia noted that the ACP should be realistic on the event it would organise for ASN50 in light of the resource limitations of ASEAN Embassies in Paris.

Thailand suggested using the event to showcase the economic opportunities between ASEAN and the EU. Pamphlets and promotional material could be distributed at the event to this effect.

5. Other matters

No other matters were raised.

6. Working Lunch hosted by ACP Chair with Prof Christian de Boissieu, Vice-President of the *Cercle des économistes* (Circle of Economists) and Member of the Board of the *l'Autorité des Marchés Financiers* (Financial Market Authority)

Prof de Boissieu shared his perspective with the ACP on the economic developments in France and the EU.

APPENDIX A

**ASEAN COMMITTEE IN PARIS MEETING
27 July 2016
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

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Ambassador

Second Secretary

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Minister-Counsellor

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Ambassador

EMBASSY OF MYANMAR

H.E. Mr. Han Thu

Mr. Thein Min Htun

Ambassador

Deputy Chief of Mission

EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES

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Second Secretary

APPENDIX B

ASEAN COMMITTEE IN PARIS MEETING 06/2016 27 July 2016, 11.30 am

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda
2. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Summary Notes on ACP Meeting 05/2016 held on 13 June 2016
3. Recent and upcoming activities

Recent

- 3.1 Visit to ENGIE HQ on 27 June 2016

Upcoming

- 3.2 ASEAN bowling tournament, 24 September 2016
- 3.3 Working lunch with Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development Mr Jean-Marc Ayrault, 28 September 2016
- 3.4 Working lunch with Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development Mr Christian Masset, 17 October 2016

Proposed

- 3.5 Working lunch with Secretary of State for Foreign Trade, the Promotion of Tourism and French Nationals Abroad Mr Matthias Fekl, date TBC
 - 3.6 Visit to Lyon, Rhone-Alps-Auvergne, date TBC
4. Commemoration of ASN50 in 2017
 5. Other matters

**ASEAN COMMITTEE IN PARIS MEETING 07/2016
EMBASSY OF SINGAPORE IN PARIS
28 NOVEMBER 2016**

SUMMARY NOTES

The ASEAN Committee in Paris (ACP) met on 28 November 2016.

The list of participants is attached as Appendix A.

1. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

The meeting agreed to adopt the Provisional Agenda, at Appendix B.

2. Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Summary Notes on ACP Meeting 06/2016 held on 27 July 2016

The meeting considered and adopted the Draft Summary Notes of the ACP Meeting 06/2016.

3. Activities

Recent

- 3.1 Working lunch hosted by ACP Chair with Prof. Christian de Boissieu, Vice-President of the *Cercle des économistes* (Circle of Economists), and Member of the Board of the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* (Financial Market Authority), Embassy of Singapore, 27 July 2016
- 3.2 ASEAN Family Day Bowling Tournament, Bowling Foch, 24 September 2016
- 3.3 Lunch hosted by Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development Mr Jean-Marc Ayrault, *L'Hôtel du Ministre, Quai d'Orsay*, 28 September 2016
- 3.4 Working lunch with Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development Mr Christian Masset, Brasserie Benoît, 17 October 2016

At the suggestion of the Chairman, the meeting agreed to take Agenda Items 3.1 – 3.4 together.

Philippines noted that the working lunch with Prof De Boissieu was excellent, and thanked Singapore for inviting him as a guest of the ACP. Prof De Boissieu's perspectives were useful to better understand the current thinking of those close to political makers. On the ASEAN Family Day 2016, Philippines noted that it will submit its financial report as Chair

of the Organising Committee, and transfer the remaining funds of EUR 87.56 to Singapore, which would organise the ASEAN Family Day 2017. Philippines noted that the lunch with Ayrault went well.

After thanking the ACP Chair, Thailand noted that the events gave the opportunity for the ACP to make its pitches at the high-level to the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development. The lunch meetings with Foreign Minister Ayrault and Secretary-General Masset were well timed before and after the ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting (AEMM) on 14 October 2016. It provided an occasion for Thailand to express disappointment that the EU did not agree to establish a strategic partnership with ASEAN and focussed instead on its interest in the membership in the East Asian Summit (EAS). Thailand noted that the EU should have instead concentrated in strengthening its cooperation with ASEAN.

Cambodia joined the Philippines and Thailand in expressed appreciation for a rich programme of activities. Cambodia suggested that the ACP should similarly engage the new French government after the 2017 Presidential Election. In the interim, the ACP should monitor if France's relations with ASEAN were raised during the electoral campaign.

Indonesia thanked the ACP Working Group (WG) for its hard work in organising the ASEAN Family Day, as well as its activities with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development. Indonesia suggested that the ACP re-evaluate the type of activity to be organised for ASEAN Family Day 2017, noting that the venue had to be booked in advance. Indonesia suggested that the preparations for the 2017 ASEAN Family Day be discussed at the next ACP meeting.

Indonesia suggested that ACP's meeting with the French Minister for Foreign Affairs be done on an annual basis, in order to maintain awareness of ASEAN at the political level. The ACP would have to request for a meeting with the new French Foreign Minister early such that the appointment can be secured in due time.

On the ASEAN Family Day, Cambodia added that the ACP should focus its efforts on the commemorative event for the ASEAN 50th Anniversary (ASN50). Organising two major events would cause a significant strain on budgets. Regarding Indonesia's suggestion, Cambodia suggested that the ACP Chair in May 2017 submit a request for a courtesy call by the ACP on the new French Foreign Minister.

The Chairman also commended the ACP WG for a successful bowling tournament during the ASEAN Family Day, and noted that Singapore would take some lessons from this event when organising ASEAN Family Day 2017.

Chairman attributed the ACP Chair's success in organising a series of meetings to the groundwork that previous ACP Chairs had laid. He noted

that the ACP was fortunate that both FM Ayrault and SG Masset were familiar with Southeast Asia having visited countries in the region.

The meeting agreed to make the ACP's meeting with the French Foreign Minister an annual event. Singapore and Thailand noted that their Foreign Ministers host the EU Ambassadors to lunch once every year.

To build on the meeting with Prof De Boissieu, the ACP also agreed to organise similar meetings with representatives from the *Cercle des Économistes* and *France Stratégie*, to seek their views on the future challenges in France and their views on ASEAN-France relations.

3.5 Visit to Lyon, Rhone-Alps-Auvergne, in conjunction with Pollutec 2016, 30 November 2016

The ACP Secretary briefed the meeting on the programme of the visit by the ACP to Lyon on 30 November 2016, at [Appendix C](#).

The Chairman recounted the objectives for the visit:

- (i) To establish contacts with the municipal government in Lyon, including representatives dealing with external relations;
- (ii) To learn about what Lyon has to offer in terms of knowledge and business opportunities, notably in the area of Smart Cities. Lyon was also identified as an interesting cities in investments in the sectors of IT and pharmaceuticals; and
- (iii) To learn more about perspectives on current developments in France from outside the capital, Paris.

Chairman acknowledged his concern that the visit programme as it stood would not allow the ACP to meet these objectives, although he noted that the ACP would have sufficient opportunity to engage Special Envoy of the French Foreign Minister Philippe Varin and the Special Representative of the French Foreign Minister for "Better City Living" Gerard Wolf.

Malaysia asked if it was still worthwhile for ACP to pursue the visit as the programme was not entirely tailored in accordance with the interests of the ACP. Malaysia noted that the organisers appeared to have made arrangements in advance without consulting the ACP, which could reflect the importance the French accorded to this visit.

Thailand remarked that as this visit was an opportunity for the ACP to present ASEAN to Lyon, it suggested that ACP members be given an opportunity to present their respective countries at the courtesy call on Lyon Mayor Gérard Collomb, as well as at the different meetings and working meals. Sufficient time therefore needed to be allocated to these meetings.

Indonesia commented that the organisation of the ACP visit to Lyon seemed typical of how events were organised by French officials, in terms of their lack of consideration.

Chairman took on board the points raised by the meeting concerning the Lyon programme and suggested that he write an urgent email to Varin to share the ACP's concerns. Specifically, Chairman would request for activities tailored to the interests of the ACP, and its objectives for the visit. The note would be copied to the ASEAN Desk at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development and the International Relations Department of the Lyon municipal authorities. The meeting agreed.

The meeting also agreed to Thailand's suggestion that Singapore, having helped prepare for the visit since the very beginning, continued to lead the ACP delegation during the visit and speak on ACP's behalf during the visit to Lyon, even though Thailand would have assumed the ACP Chairmanship.

Chairman observed that Singapore's past experience with the organisational efficiency and effectiveness of the Lyon authorities had been a positive one. He expressed confidence that they would eventually be able to deliver a good visit programme.

Forthcoming

3.6 Working lunch with Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister Mr Stéphane Romatet, 6 December 2016

Thailand informed that the working lunch will be held at the Residence of the Ambassador.

3.7 Working Lunch with President of MEDEF Pierre Gattaz and President of MEDEF International Frederic Sanchez, 16 December 2016

The ACP WG will be informed of the arrangements ahead of the lunch with MEDEF on 16 December 2016.

3.8 Working lunch with Secretary of State for Foreign Trade, the Promotion of Tourism and French Nationals Abroad Mr Matthias Fekl

Chairman noted that he had not been able to secure a date for the lunch with Fekl, who is a key spokesperson of the French government on issues relating to International Trade. Philippines, however, remarked that as ACP had already met FM Ayrault and SG Masset, ACP should focus on meeting with personalities like Romatet, who was close to PM Manuel Valls, a possible candidate in the 2017 Presidential Election. Philippines suggested that the ACP should consider inviting representatives from academia, opinion makers and influencers, in order to be aware of

France's thinking of its future development. Thailand agreed, and suggested Member of the Committee for Foreign Affairs in the National Assembly Thierry Mariani as one such candidate. Chairman indicated that he had no objections to the suggestions, and suggested Member of the National Assembly Hervé Gaymard as another candidate, who was rumoured to be Foreign Minister if Alain Juppé had won the primaries of the Right and Centre.

The meeting agreed that given upcoming Presidential Election, there was no need to push for organising a working lunch with Fekl.

Chairman suggested that the ACP Secretary attend all future ACP working meals, as it would be useful for the ACP Secretary to follow the discussions and follow-up on these discussions where necessary in consultation with the ACP WG. The meeting agreed.

6. Commemoration of 50th Anniversary of ASEAN and 40th Anniversary of ASEAN-EU Dialogue Partnership in 2017

ACP Secretary submitted for the ACP's information a list of three price estimates to hold an evening reception for 300 persons, at Appendix D. Chairman explained that this was to alert the ACP of the high financial implications to organise events at private venues.

To follow-up on Malaysia's suggestion made at the last ACP discussion on possible commemorative events in 2017 in Paris that the commemoration in Paris should be consistent with the approach on the celebration of ASN50 decided by the ASEAN Secretariat, Chairman informed the meeting that in accordance with the enquiries that the ACP Chair had made, the ASEAN CPR or Secretariat had made no decision on how the milestone should be commemorated in third countries. It would be left to each ACTC to decide.

Malaysia asked if the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development could consider co-hosting this event, using their premises to host this reception. Thailand agreed to this idea, and noted that such an arrangement would reflect a joint celebration between France and ASEAN.

With the growing French business community in ASEAN, Thailand also suggested approaching MEDEF to co-organise with ACP a business conference and an evening reception. This would be preferable to the ACP organising the event unilaterally. Apart from cost savings, it would also be easier for ACP to attract participation at the highest levels. Cambodia supported Thailand's suggestion. Cambodia noted that it was important to secure the presence of the new Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development at the reception.

Thailand observed that the Namaste Cultural Festival organised by the Indian Embassy in Paris included a showcase of Indian cuisine by a

Michelin-starred chef. Similarly, each ASEAN Embassy could showcase a creative element at the commemorative event. Indonesia noted that the Indian Embassy had engaged an external agency to organise the event, and supported the suggestion to co-organise the commemorative event with relevant partners for cost-sharing purposes. Philippines suggested engaging the Chambers of Commerce and Industry, while Indonesia suggested also engaging BusinessFrance as a partner for the event.

Chairman recounted that the ACP's previous effort to interest the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development to co-organise the commemorative event at the *Hôtel du Ministre* (on the occasion of the establishment of the ASEAN Community at the end of 2015) was unsuccessful due to the lack of interest on the part of the Ministry.

The meeting decided to co-host the commemorative event with a French partner. The ACP would first approach MEDEF to seek their interest in co-organising this event at the lunch with MEDEF President on 16 December 2016.

7. Discussion on Political and Economic Developments in France

Chairman suggested organising future meetings with representatives from polling agencies (e.g. IFOP, IPSOS and OpinionWay). The ACP could discuss recent political developments, including the chances of President of the Front National Marine Le Pen at the 2017 Presidential Election.

8. Handover of ACP Chairmanship

Singapore handed over the ACP Chairmanship to Thailand.

9. Other Matters

Singapore informed the meeting that as the ACP was obligated to report to the ASEAN Secretariat its activities under the ACTC Terms of Reference, Singapore has circulated a first cut of the report of the ACP Chair to the ASEAN Secretariat. Singapore would circulate a final draft after the Lyon visit together with the draft summary notes of today's meeting, which needed to be incorporated into the report. This would increase the visibility of the ACP in the ASEAN Secretariat.

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APPENDIX A

**ASEAN COMMITTEE IN PARIS MEETING
28 NOVEMBER 2016
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

EMBASSY OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

H.E. Datin Paduka Malai Halimah Yusof
Ms. Zaidah Shahminan

Ambassador
Second Secretary

EMBASSY OF CAMBODIA

H.E. Dr. Widhya Chem
Mr. Sovanra Nong

Ambassador
Second Secretary

EMBASSY OF INDONESIA

H.E. Mr Hotmangaradja Pandjaitan
Mr Teuku Zulkaryadi

Ambassador
First Secretary

EMBASSY OF LAOS

Mr. Sisouphanh Keobandavong

First Secretary

EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA

H.E. Mr. Dato' Ibrahim Abdullah
Mr Johnny Ong

Ambassador
Second Secretary

EMBASSY OF MYANMAR

H.E. Mr. Han Thu
Mr. Sithu Aung

Ambassador
Second Secretary

EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES

H.E. Ms. Ma. Theresa Lazaro
Ms. Aileen Mendiola-Rau

Ambassador
Minister and Consul General

EMBASSY OF SINGAPORE

H.E. Mr. Zainal Arif Mantaha
Mr. Teddy Low

Ambassador
First Secretary

EMBASSY OF THAILAND

H.E. Mr Sihasak Phuangketkeow
Ms. Penkhae Intarasuwan
Ms. Chalida Chunnark

Ambassador
Counsellor
Counsellor

EMBASSY OF VIETNAM

Mr. Giang Dang

Minister

APPENDIX B

ASEAN COMMITTEE IN PARIS MEETING 07/2016 28 NOVEMBER 2016, 4.00 PM

**Embassy of the Republic of Singapore
16 rue Murillo
75008 Paris**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda
2. Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Summary Notes on ACP Meeting 06/2016 held on 27 July 2016
3. Activities

Recent

- 3.1 Working lunch hosted by ACP Chair with Prof. Christian de Boissieu, Vice-President of the *Cercle des économistes* (Circle of Economists), and Member of the Board of the *l'Autorité des Marchés Financiers* (Financial Market Authority), Embassy of Singapore, 27 July 2016
- 3.2 ASEAN Family Day Bowling Tournament, Bowling Foch, 24 September 2016
- 3.3 Lunch hosted by Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development Mr Jean-Marc Ayrault, *L'Hôtel du Ministre, Quai d'Orsay*, 28 September 2016
- 3.4 Working lunch with Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development Mr Christian Masset, Brasserie Benoît, 17 October 2016

Upcoming

- 3.5 Visit to Lyon, Rhone-Alps-Auvergne, in conjunction with Pollutec 2016, 30 November 2016
- 3.6 Working lunch with Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister Mr Stéphane Romatet, 6 December 2016
- 3.7 Working Lunch with President of MEDEF Pierre Gattaz and President of MEDEF International Frederic Sanchez, 16 December 2016

Proposed

3.8 Working lunch with Secretary of State for Foreign Trade, the Promotion of Tourism and French Nationals Abroad Mr Matthias Fekl

4. Commemoration of 50th Anniversary of ASEAN and 40th Anniversary of ASEAN-EU Dialogue Partnership in 2017
5. Discussion on Political and Economic Developments in France
6. Handover of ACP Chairmanship
7. Other Matters

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APPENDIX C

**PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT BY THE ASEAN COMMITTEE IN
PARIS TO LYON, RHÔNE ALPES-AUVERGE, FRANCE, 30
NOVEMBER 2016**

10.25am - Depart for EUREXPO

Pick up by Minibus at Best Western Pont Wilson

10.40am - Pick up at Hotel Carlton Lyon

11.00am - Pick up at Hotel Le Royal Lyon

11.45am - **MEETING WITH MEDEF LYON-RHÔNE AND
- 1.00pm REPRESENTATIVES FROM AUVERGNE-RHONE-
ALPES REGION (AURA) AT *PARC DES EXPOSITIONS*
(EUREXPO) (Optional)**

Venue: Region AURA Stand
EUREXPO
Ave Louis Blériot
69686 Chassieu, Lyon

Involvement:

1. **Mr Eric Fournier**, Vice President of Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region for the Environment, Sustainable Development, Energy and Regional National Parks
2. **Mr Gérard Wolf**, Special Representative for “Better City Living”
3. Representative from Lyon Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Note: This session will be held in French.

1.00pm – - **NETWORKING SESSION**

1.30pm

Involvement:

1. Representatives from MEDEF International
2. Enterprises from Region Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes
3. Representatives from the Region Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes

1.30pm -- - **TOUR OF POLLUTEC 2016**
2.30pm

Address: EUREXPO

2.30 pm-- - Transfer to Confluence Eco District by Minibus to *Maison de Confluence*
3.00 pm

3.00 pm-- - **BRIEFING ON THE CONFLUENCE ECO DISTRICT**
4.30 pm

Address: 73 rue Smith
69002 Lyon

In the presence of:

- (i) **Mr Philippe Varin**, Special Representative of the Foreign Minister for ASEAN; and
- (ii) **Mr Gérard Wolf**, Special Representative for “Better City Living”

Selected Mayors and representatives from French enterprises will also be present.

4.30 pm – - **GUIDED VISIT OF THE CONFLUENCE ECO DISTRICT**
5.45 pm

This is on foot. It will also include a test ride on Navia autonomous vehicle.

5.45 pm – - Transfer by Minibus to Tour Oxygène
6.15 pm

6.15 pm -- - **COURTESY CALL ON MR GÉRARD COLLOMB, SENATOR AND MAYOR OF LYON**
6.45 pm

Venue : Tour Oxygene
69003 Lyon

Involvement (main meeting table):

1. Mr Gerard Collomb, Mayor of Lyon
2. Mr Alain Galliano, 11th Vice-President of the Lyon Metropole, in charge of International Relations and

Attractiveness

3. Mr Philippe Varin, Special Representative of the Foreign Minister for ASEAN
4. Mr Regis Van Liefland, Honorary Consul of Malaysia
5. Mr Frédéric de Ganay, Honorary Consul of Thailand
6. Mr Henry Simonin, Desk Officer for Singapore and ASEAN, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development

ACP Ambassadors will sit at the main meeting table while the WG will sit at a row behind the Ambassadors.

6.45 pm – - **BRIEFING ON SMART CITIES BY MR GÉRARD COLLOMB, SENATOR AND MAYOR OF LYON**
7.30 pm

6.45 pm – Presentation by Mr Gérard
7.00 pm Collomb on Smart Cities

7.00 pm– Q&A
7.30 pm

Representatives from French enterprises will be present.

7.30 pm - - Transfer by Minibus to Halles Paul Bocuse
7.40 pm

Transfer to Lyon Part-Dieu Train Station for delegations not participating in the dinner

8.00 pm – - **DINNER HOSTED BY POLLUTEC AT THE “PAUL BOCUSE EVENING”**
10.00 pm

Venue : Halles Paul Bocuse
102 Cours Lafayette
69003 Lyon

A table will be reserved for ACP Ambassadors.

Mr Gérard Collomb, Senator and Mayor of Lyon (**NB**: Mr Collomb will be meeting the other participants from 8.00pm – 9.00pm, and will join the ASEAN Ambassadors at 9.00 pm.)

Representatives from French enterprises will be present.

- End of the evening and individual transfers to respective hotels

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Compiled by: Singapore Embassy, Paris

With input from: Metropole of Lyon, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and

International

Development

PARTICIPANTS

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| Thailand (Chairman) | 1. | HE Mr Sihasak Phuangkitkeow, Ambassador |
| | 2. | Ms Penkhae Intarasuwan, Counsellor |
| | 3. | Mr Thanachai Wachiraworakam , Counsellor |
| Brunei | 4. | HE Datin Paduka Malai Halimah Yusof,
Ambassador |
| | 5. | Ms Zaidah Shahminan, Second Secretary |
| Indonesia | 6. | HE Mr Hotmangaradja Pandjaitan, Ambassador |
| | 7. | Mr Teuku Zulkaryadi, First Secretary |
| Malaysia | 8. | HE Dato' Ibrahim Abdullah, Ambassador
(will not join dinner) |
| Myanmar | 9. | HE Mr Han Thu, Ambassador |
| | 10. | Mr Sithu Aung, Second Secretary
(will not join dinner) |
| Singapore | 11. | HE Mr Zainal Arif Mantaha, Ambassador |
| | 12. | Mr Teddy Low, First Secretary |
| Vietnam | 13. | HE Mr Nguyen Ngoc Son, Ambassador |
| | 14. | Mr Phuong Nguyen, Second Secretary
(will not join dinner) |

APPENDIX D

VENUE PROPOSALS ON CELEBRATION TO COMMEMORATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ASEAN (ASN50)

Date: 3Q 2017

Venue: TBC

Number of Participants: 300 [TBC]

Venue	Price	Includes:
Pavillon Royal Carrefour du bout des lac 1 Route de la Muette à Neuilly 750016 Paris	€ 23,954.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Ground Floor Reception Room “Muette” from 7pm – 9pm • Professional service staff, including one usher • Use of projector, microphone, and lectern • Non-alcoholic drinks, wine and champagne • Dessert cocktails provided by the Pavilion; Main cocktail pieces to be provided by external vendors (i.e. Embassies) • Use of in-house pantry for catered food from external vendors
Pavillon Kleber 7 Rue Cimaraosa 75116 Paris	€40,906.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of room first floor Reception Room from 7pm – 11pm • Professional service staff • Use of projector, microphone, and lectern • 12 piece cocktail • Non-alcoholic drinks, wine and champagne
Pavillon d’Armenonville Allée de Longchamp 75116 Paris	€28,320.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of main hall “Etoile” from 7pm – 11pm • Professional service staff • Use of projector, microphone and lectern • 12 piece cocktail • Non-alcoholic drinks, wine, champagne

**INVOLVEMENT AT LUNCH HOSTED BY
AMBASSADOR OF SINGAPORE TO FRANCE MR ZAINAL ARIF
MANTAHA, 27 JULY 2016**

Venue : Embassy of the Republic of Singapore
16 rue Murillo
75008 Paris

Guest-of-Honour

1. Mr Christian de Boissieu, Professeur, Université de Paris I, Vice-President of the Circle of Economists and Member of the French Financial Market Authority

ACP

2. H.E. Mr Zainal Arif Mantaha, ACP Chair and Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore
3. Ms Nur Masitah Mohd Jaafar, Chargée d'affaires, Embassy of Brunei Darussalam
4. H.E. Dr Chem Widhya, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia
5. Mr Ramadaysan Hasan, Counsellor (Political), Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia
6. Mr Boungalith Southichak, Chargé d'affaires of the Lao People's Democratic Republic
7. H.E. Dato' Ibrahim Abdullah, Ambassador of Malaysia
8. H.E. Mr Han Thu, Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
9. H.E. Ms Theresa P. Lazaro, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines
10. Ms Sarikan Pholmani, Minister, Embassy of the Kingdom of Thailand
11. HE Mr Nguyen Ngoc Son, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
12. Mr Teddy Low, ACP Secretary and First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Singapore

**INVOLVEMENT AT LUNCH HOSTED BY
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
MR JEAN-MARC AYRAULT, 28 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Venue : L'Hôtel du Ministre
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development
37 quai d'Orsay
75007 Paris

French MFA

1. H.E. Mr Jean-Marc Ayrault, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development
2. Mr Philippe Varin, Special Envoy of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development for ASEAN
3. Mr Emmanuel Lenain, Director for Asia and Oceania, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Development
4. Mr Frederic Laplanche, Advisor for Asia and Americas, Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development
5. Ms Agnes Humruzian, Deputy Director (Southeast Asia), Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Development;

ACP

6. H.E. Mr Zainal Arif Mantaha, ACP Chair and Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore
7. H.E. Datin Paduka Malai Halimah Yusof , Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam
8. H.E. Dr Chem Widhya, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia
9. Mr Agung Kurniadi, Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia
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13. H.E. Ms Theresa P. Lazaro, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines
14. H.E. Mr Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand

15. HE Mr Nguyen Ngoc Son, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

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**INVOLVEMENT AT LUNCH HOSTED BY
ASEAN COMMUNITY IN PARIS (ACP), 20 OCTOBER 2016**

Venue : Brasserie Benoît
20 rue Saint-Martin
75004 Paris

Guests :

1. H.E. Mr Christian Masset, Secretary-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development
2. Mr Yves Charpentier, Deputy Director for Asia
3. Ms Agnes Humruzian, Deputy Director for Southeast Asia

ACP

4. H.E. Mr Zainal Arif Mantaha, ACP Chair and Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore
5. H.E. Datin Paduka Malai Halimah Yusof, Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam
6. H.E. Mr Chem Widhya, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia
7. H.E. Mr Hotmangaradja Pandjaitan, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia
8. Mr Boungalith Southichak, Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of the Lao People's Democratic Republic
9. H.E. Dato' Ibrahim Abdullah, Ambassador of Malaysia
10. H.E. Mr Han Thu, Ambassador of the Union Republic of Myanmar
11. Mr Hans Mohaimin Siriban, First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines
12. H.E. Mr Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand
13. H.E. Mr Nguyen Ngoc Son, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

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12.55pm - **ARRIVE AT EUREXPO MAIN ENTRANCE**

Proceed to VIP Club

1.00pm – - **NETWORKING SESSION**

1.30pm

Venue: VIP Club, Main Entrance Hall
EUREXPO

Involvement:

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6.00 pm

6.00pm Arrive at Tour Oxygène

Received by: Mr Alain Galliano, 11th Vice-President of the Lyon Metropole, in charge of International Relations and Attractiveness

6.00 pm – - **MEETING WITH MR ALAIN GALLIANO, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE LYON METROPOLE**
6.20 pm

Involvement:

1. Mr Alain Galliano, 11th Vice-President of the Lyon Metropole, in charge of International Relations and Attractiveness
2. Mr Philippe Varin, Special Representative of the Foreign Minister for ASEAN
3. Ms Arabelle Chambre-Foa, Chief of Staff to Mayor of Lyon
4. Mr Henry Simonin, Desk Officer for Singapore and ASEAN, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International

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Involvement (rear row):

5. Mr Regis Van Liefland, Honorary Consul of Malaysia
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Involvement (rear row):

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7.30 pm **COLLOMB, SENATOR AND MAYOR OF LYON**

Venue: Skyroom, Tour Oxygène

6.45 pm – Presentation by Mr Gérard
7.05 pm Collomb on Smart Cities

7.05 pm– Q&A
7.30 pm

Representatives from French enterprises will be present.

7.30pm – **COCKTAIL RECEPTION HOSTED BY LYON**
8.00pm **METROPOLE**

Venue: Skyroom, Tour Oxygène

Mr Gerard Collomb, Mayor of Lyon, will leave at 7.30pm.

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8.30 pm

Transfer to Lyon Part-Dieu Train Station for delegations not participating in the dinner

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ASEAN FAMILY DAY CUM BOWLING TOURNAMENT
BOWLING FOCH, 24 SEPTEMBER 2016
ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

TIME	EVENT
09h00	ACP WG arrive at Bowling Foch to set up
10h00 – 11h00	Bowling teams arrive to change shoes and commence warm up rounds
10h45	Ambassadors to arrive
11h00	Welcome comments by Emcee Brief opening remarks by Philippines Amb (as organising Embassy for Family Day) Brief opening remarks by Singapore Amb (as ACP chair) Group Photo of all 10 ASEAN Ambassadors "Action" Photo of all 10 ASEAN Ambassadors
	Games committee to start games in the Annex
11h20	Raffle Round 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Singapore Amb - Philippines Amb - Brunei Amb
11h40	Bowling competition starts Two games
13h40 (est.)	Bowling competition ends <i>Free and easy bowling at designated bowling lanes</i>
13h40	Raffle Round 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cambodia Amb - Indonesia CDA - Laos Amb
	Emcee announces the opening of the lunch buffet
14h30	Raffle Round 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Malaysia Amb - Myanmar Amb - Thailand Amb - Vietnam Amb
15h30	Prize giving ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best Team: Myanmar Amb, Dean of the ACP - Best Female Bowler: Philippine Amb - Best Male Bowler: Singapore Amb

15h45	End of ASEAN Family Day and Bowling Tournament <i>Free and easy use of Bowling Foch's facilities until 18h00</i>
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L'AMBASSADEUR
RÉPUBLIQUE DE SINGAPOUR

11 July 2016

HE Mr Matthias Fekl
Secretary of State for International Trade,
Tourism promotion and French citizens abroad
37 Quai d'Orsay
75007 Paris

Excellency,

**LUNCH MEETING WITH THE ASEAN COMMITTEE IN PARIS
(ACP) AT THE END OF SUMMER**

I have the honour of writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the ACP. You may recall the ACP's proposal for a lunch meeting with you. Until now, your schedule has not permitted such a meeting. I have been mandated to resurface the proposal with you.

As you are aware, ASEAN groups 10 countries in Southeast Asia. It is a market of 622 million; more than 65% of ASEAN's population is under 35 years of age. In 2014, the combined GDP of ASEAN was US\$2.6 trillion, which would make it the 7th largest economy in the world, and growing at an average rate of 4.7% per annum. ASEAN also imported US\$1.2 trillion worth of goods, US\$100 billion of which from the EU. At the end of 2015, ASEAN has taken a step towards the establishment of a single market and production base with the launch of the ASEAN Economic Community. ASEAN is now in the process of implementing measures that would establish a free flow of goods, services and investments, as well as freer flow of capital and skills.

The ACP was established back in 1978 to strengthen contacts between ASEAN and its major dialogue partners, of which the EU was among the first. Given the significant role that France plays in the EU, ASEAN attaches great importance to its relations with France. The ACP is mandated to carry out activities and engage senior members of the French government and French institutions on a regular basis to capture mindshare for ASEAN in France and to explore ways to collaborate with France and the EU for mutual benefit.

It is in that strategic context and the importance of trade in ASEAN-France and ASEAN-EU cooperation that the ACP seeks a meeting with you, preferably (your schedule permitting) over a working meal. While we are not insensitive to your busy schedule, we are persuaded that the launch of the ASEAN Community, your recent visits to ASEAN countries and recent developments in France and the EU, not least the result of the Leave/Remain referendum in the UK, provide ample fodder for a discussion.

I hope that you are agreeable to such a meeting. The Singapore Embassy will coordinate with the other nine embassies and contact your office to find a date after the end of summer that suits all our schedules.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



ZAINAL ARIF MANTAHA
CHAIR
ASEAN COMMITTEE IN PARIS

ps Let me seize this opportunity to also express our warmest wishes to you and the occasion of the National Day of the French Republic.

cc :

Office of the Secretary of State for International Trade, Tourism promotion
and French citizens abroad

Mr Cyrille Pierre
Chief of Staff

Ms Louise Quesnel
Advisor for bilateral and sectorial affairs

ASEAN Committee in Paris

Ms Nur Masitah Mohd Jaafar
Chargée d'affaires
Embassy of Brunei Darussalam

H.E. Mr Chem Widhya
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Traduction de courtoisie

11 juillet 2016

S.E. M. Matthias Fekl
Secrétaire d'Etat chargé du Commerce extérieur, de la Promotion du tourisme
et des Français de l'étranger
37 Quai d'Orsay
75007 Paris

Excellence,

**DEJEUNER DE TRAVAIL AVEC LA COMMISSION DE L'ASEAN A
PARIS (ACP) APRES LA RENTRÉE**

J'ai l'honneur de m'adresser à vous en ma qualité de Président de la Commission de l'ASEAN à Paris (ACP) en relation avec son invitation à un déjeuner, qui ne peut pas être organisé en raison des contraintes de votre calendrier. J'ai été mandaté pour vous renouveler cette invitation.

Vous n'êtes pas sans savoir en effet que l'ASEAN regroupe 10 pays d'Asie du Sud-Est. Sa population, dont 65% a moins de 35 ans, représente un marché de 622 millions de personnes. En 2014, le PIB consolidé de l'ASEAN représentait 2.6 trillions de dollars (US), faisant de la Communauté la 7ème économie mondiale, forte d'une croissance annuelle moyenne de 4.7%. L'ASEAN a également importé l'équivalent de 1.2 trillion de dollars de marchandises, dont 100 milliards en provenance de l'UE. Fin 2015, l'ASEAN a franchi une étape supplémentaire dans l'établissement d'un marché unique et de production, en lançant la Communauté Economique de l'ASEAN. L'ASEAN est actuellement en train de mettre en œuvre des mesures permettant la libre-circulation des biens, des services, des investissements, tout en améliorant la libre-circulation des capitaux et des techniques.

Dès sa création, en 1978, l'ACP s'est donné la mission de renforcer les relations entre l'ASEAN et ses Partenaires de dialogue (*Dialogue Partners*), dont l'UE, partenaire de la première heure. L'ASEAN attache une grande importance à ses relations avec la France étant donné son rôle majeur au sein de l'UE. À ce titre, l'ACP a reçu mandat pour mener des actions et associer de manière régulière des Hauts responsables du gouvernement et des

institutions français, afin de mesurer la notoriété de l'ASEAN en France, et trouver ensemble de nouvelles manières de collaborer avec l'UE et la France, pour le bénéfice de tous.

C'est dans ce contexte d'importance stratégique entre l'ASEAN, et l'UE et la France, que l'ACP souhaiterait vous solliciter pour un entretien, et de préférence, si votre emploi du temps le permet, autour d'un déjeuner d'affaires. Nous comprenons bien que vous êtes lié par de nombreuses obligations, mais nous sommes convaincus que le lancement de la Communauté de l'ASEAN, vos visites récentes dans les pays de l'ASEAN, et les événements récents en France et en Europe, dont le Brexit n'est pas des moindres, pourront largement alimenter les discussions.

J'espère sincèrement que vous serez en mesure de répondre favorablement à cette invitation. Le cas échéant, l'Ambassade de Singapour contactera votre cabinet afin de trouver une date, après la rentrée, qui convienne à tous.

Je vous prie d'accepter, Excellence, l'assurance de ma très haute considération.

[signature]

ZAINAL ARIF MANTAHA
PRÉSIDENT
COMMISSION DE L'ASEAN À
PARIS

Permettez-moi également de saisir cette opportunité pour vous présenter tous mes meilleurs vœux à l'occasion de la Fête nationale française.

AMBASSADE DE SINGAPOUR
36, rue de la Harpe, 75005 Paris
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Secrétariat d'Etat chargé du Commerce extérieur, de la Promotion du
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M. Cyrille Pierre
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Commission de l'ASEAN à Paris

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Chargée d'affaires
Ambassade du Brunei Darussalam

S.E. M. Chem Widhya
Ambassadeur du Royaume du Cambodge

S.E. M. Hotmangardja Pandjaitan
Ambassadeur de la République d'Indonésie

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**WORKING LIST OF POSSIBLE EVENTS TO BE HELD IN FRANCE IN
THE LEAD UP TO THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF ASEAN ON 8 AUGUST 2017 (ASN50)**

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Compilation of a catalogue of forthcoming events related to ASEAN and AMS whether organised by ASEAN Embassies or by French institutions, including cultural events, academic roundtables or seminars, etc.
2. Public talks/roundtables/seminars on ASEAN organised by prominent French forums on international relations and foreign policy, including but not limited to IFRI, CERI and IRIS.
3. ASN50 Cultural Festival (which could include. film screenings, food preparation/tasting, craft workshop)
4. Public Lecture on the development of ASEAN by a prominent personality closely involved in the development of ASEAN (former ASEAN Leader/FM/ASG)
5. Public sharing sessions by French nationals, who have worked or studied in ASEAN countries on their experiences. Events can be focused on sectors of society, for example (i) students, and (ii) expatriates.
6. ASN50 Commemorative Reception in September 2017

NB: To increase the visibility of ASN50 commemorative events, it would be useful if we could adopt a consistent branding for these events. We may have to take the lead from ASEC in Jakarta.

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