



**BALI DECLARATION ON  
ASEAN COMMUNITY IN A GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF NATIONS  
“BALI CONCORD III”**

**WE**, the Heads of State/Government of 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, Member States of ASEAN, at the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit;

**REAFFIRMING** our commitments to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international laws subscribed to by the ASEAN Member States;

**REAFFIRMING FURTHER** our commitment to the purposes and the principles enshrined in the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok, 1967), the Declaration on Zone of Peace, Freedom, and Neutrality (Kuala Lumpur, 1971), the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (Bali, 1976), the Declaration of ASEAN Concord (Bali, 1976), the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone (Bangkok, 1995), the Declaration of ASEAN Concord II (Bali, 2003), and the ASEAN Charter (Singapore, 2007);

**ENCOURAGED** by the progress of the implementation of the Cha-am Hua Hin Declaration on the Roadmap for the ASEAN Community (2009-2015);

**RECALLING** the ASEAN Leaders' Joint Statement on the ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations adopted at the 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit on 8 May 2011 in Jakarta, Indonesia;

**RECOGNIZING** the strategic importance of the ASEAN Connectivity to strengthen ASEAN integration and to promote the role of the ASEAN Community in the global community of nations;

**ENCOURAGED ALSO** by the progress of ASEAN cooperation and partnership with its external partners in all of the three pillars of the ASEAN Community within the framework of ASEAN Plus One, ASEAN Plus Three, ASEAN Regional Forum, and the East Asia Summit, as well as other ASEAN-initiated regional processes, while maintaining ASEAN centrality;

**MINDFUL OF** the complex, multifaceted, and trans-national character of issues and challenges and greater opportunities, which require concerted and coordinated responses and efforts at the national, regional, and global levels;

**RECOGNIZING** the existing concrete contributions of individual ASEAN Member States on numerous global initiatives, which provide the basis to develop a common platform on various global issues as part of the solution in a rapidly changing world;

**EMPHASIZING** the need to enhance ASEAN coordination and cooperation on key global issues of common interest and concern in relevant multilateral fora and international organizations, including the United Nations, in accordance



with the fundamental principles of international law and the domestic laws of ASEAN Member States;

**HIGHLIGHTING** the importance of the establishment of a comprehensive partnership between ASEAN and the United Nations;

**MINDFUL** that efforts to take forward ASEAN's shared vision and coordinated action on various global issues of common interest and concern should complement continuing efforts to build and strengthen an ASEAN Community and to enhance and maintain ASEAN centrality and its role in the evolving regional architecture;

**DO HEREBY ADOPT:**

An ASEAN common platform on global issues with the following characteristics:

- A more coordinated, cohesive, and coherent ASEAN position on global issues of common interest and concern, based on a shared ASEAN global view, which would further enhance ASEAN's common voice in relevant multilateral fora;
- An enhanced ASEAN capacity to contribute and respond to key global issues of common interest and concern which would benefit all ASEAN Member States and its peoples;
- A strengthened ASEAN Community centered on ASEAN as a rules-based organization, with the ASEAN Charter as the foundation, while upholding the fundamental principles, values and norms of ASEAN; and
- A strengthened capacity of the ASEAN Secretariat which is able to support the vision and development of

the ASEAN Community in a global community of nations.

On the basis of these characteristics and drawn upon the experiences and endeavors of ASEAN, we are committed to collectively undertake cooperation at the global level on, but not limited to, the following areas:

## **A. POLITICAL-SECURITY COOPERATION**

### **1. Peace, Security, and Stability**

Consistent with the purposes and principles of ASEAN basic instruments to maintain and enhance peace, security, and stability, as well as further strengthen peace-oriented values, ASEAN resolves at the global level to:

- a. Respect the principles of the independence, sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity, non-interference, and national identity of all nations.
- b. Rely on peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with international law.
- c. Renounce aggression and the threat or use of force or other actions in any manner inconsistent with international law.
- d. Promote the culture of peace, which includes, *inter alia*, respect for diversity, promotion of tolerance, and understanding of faiths, religions, and cultures, in accordance with applicable domestic laws.
- e. Promote initiatives, such as the initiative on Global Movement of the Moderates, as part of ASEAN's positive contribution to global peace and security.
- f. Promote ASEAN Member States active participation in peacekeeping and post-conflict peace building efforts,

based on the readiness of respective ASEAN Member States.

- g. Respond effectively, in accordance with the principles of comprehensive security, to all forms of threats, transnational crimes, and transboundary challenges.
- h. Promote maritime cooperation as well as combat piracy and armed robbery against ships.
- i. Ensure peaceful, safe, free, and unimpeded international navigation in accordance with relevant international laws.
- j. Intensify cooperation, in the framework of the applicable national and international laws, to combat corruption in the area of asset recovery and in denying safe haven to those found guilty of public corruption.
- k. Promote non-proliferation and disarmament of weapons of mass destruction as well as peaceful uses of nuclear energy.
- l. Support the establishment of regional nuclear-weapons free zones and free of all other weapons of mass destruction within the framework of the applicable national and international laws.
- m. Continue to work towards a consensus on the outstanding issues relating to the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (SEANWFZ) Treaty and its Protocol and pursue the early accession of all five nuclear weapons states to the Protocol in order to promote the effective enforcement of the SEANWFZ.
- n. Develop a coordinated ASEAN approach that would contribute to global undertakings to improve nuclear safety, in cooperation with the International Atomic



Energy Agency (IAEA) and other relevant partners, as well as promote and uphold IAEA standards of safety and security in the development of civilian nuclear energy.

- o. Support narrowing development gaps in the region to contribute to the promotion of sustained peace and stability in the region and the world at large.
- p. Continue to enhance cooperation against terrorism in accordance with the ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism and the relevant domestic laws of ASEAN Member States.

## **2. Political Development**

Consistent with the purposes and principles of ASEAN basic instruments to ensure that peoples and Member States of ASEAN live in peace with the world at large in a just, democratic, and harmonious environment, ASEAN resolves at the global level to:

- a. Adhere to the rules of law, good governance, the principles of democracy, and constitutional government.
- b. Promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as promote social justice.

## **B. ECONOMIC COOPERATION**

### **1. Economic Integration**

Consistent with the purposes and principles of ASEAN basic instruments to implement the ASEAN Economic Community and to promote a region fully integrated into the global economy, ASEAN resolves at the global level to:

- a. Enhance ASEAN's effective participation in regional and global economic initiatives impacting on the region.
- b. Advance ASEAN economic relations, in particular trade and investment, within the region as well as with the rest of the world in line with the general principles set out in the ASEAN Framework for Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership.
- c. Strengthen ASEAN's capacity into becoming a more dynamic and stronger segment of the global supply chain.
- d. Continue the adoption of international best practices and standards in production and distribution, where possible.
- e. Intensify collaboration to adopt common position on issues of mutual interest in regional and international fora.

## **2. Economic Stability**

Consistent with the purposes and principles of ASEAN basic instruments to advance ASEAN's collective commitment on economic stability, ASEAN resolves at the global level to:

- a. Emphasize the importance of complementing domestic macroeconomic policy with regional and global macroeconomic coordination and financial cooperation.
- b. Strengthen macroeconomic coordination and promoting financial cooperation at the regional and global level.
- c. Enhance cooperation among ASEAN Member States and with relevant international organizations and

agencies to prevent future economic and financial crisis, including through continued active participation of ASEAN in the G-20.

- d. Enhance collaboration to reform the international financial architecture.

### **3. Economic Development**

Consistent with the purposes and principles of ASEAN basic instruments to advance ASEAN's collective commitment on economic development, ASEAN resolves at the global level to:

- a. Strengthen cooperation with relevant international organizations in promoting higher level of economic dynamism, sustained prosperity, and inclusive growth.
- b. Ensure implementation of internationally agreed development goals and global commitment on financing for development.
- c. Strengthen efforts to promote inclusive and sustainable growth in line with the principles outlined in the ASEAN Framework for Equitable Economic Development.
- d. Ensure better access to technology, market, and especially financing, such as internationally-funded financial inclusion program through regional programs for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs).
- e. Intensify collaboration in sub-regional initiatives which contribute to overall economic integration of the region.
- f. Strengthen collective efforts in ensuring food and energy security at the regional and global levels.
- g. Increase productivity and investment in the agricultural sector as well as promoting greater collaboration in



research and development with the United Nations World Food Program (UNWFP), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and other relevant international and regional organizations.

- h. Enhance cooperation with the international community to ensure greater security and sustainability of global energy through diversification, research and development, conservation of resources, efficient use of energy, as well as wider application and transfer of environmentally-sound technologies.

## **C. SOCIO-CULTURAL COOPERATION**

### **1. Disaster Management**

Consistent with the purposes and principles of ASEAN basic instruments to promote disaster-resilient nations and safer communities, ASEAN resolves at the global level to:

- a. Promote partnership with relevant stakeholders through established ASEAN mechanisms, including local communities, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, and private enterprises, as well as strengthen cooperation with the United Nations and relevant international agencies.
- b. Strengthen efforts to address climate change adaptation needs, particularly by forging support for capacity-building, to ensure disaster and climate resiliency of ecosystems and communities.
- c. Enhance public awareness and promote public participation in programs related to disaster risk

reduction and emergency response in order to promote community resilience to disasters.

- d. Enhance civil-military coordination in providing effective and timely response to major natural disasters and enhance cooperation among ASEAN militaries in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) through the familiarization with each other's model of operation as well as identified areas for improvement in HADR capacity-building and improved military-to-military and civilian-military communication and coordination.
- e. Facilitate regional cooperation on disaster risk reduction programs particularly, but not limited to, the conduct and institutionalization of regional disaster risk assessment, early warning, and monitoring.
- f. Strengthen cooperation between the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) and relevant regional and international organizations and agencies for ensuring prompt and smooth communication in times of disaster as well as enhancing coordination mechanisms to facilitate the flows of support in a timely manner.

## **2. Sustainable Development, Environment, and Climate Change**

Consistent with the purposes and principles of ASEAN basic instruments to promote sustainable development, protection of the region's environment, and sustainability of its natural resources, ASEAN resolves at the global level to:

- a. Ensure a continuous effort towards a balance between economic growth and social development and environmental sustainability in order to reduce and not to create negative impacts to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
- b. Contribute actively to the conclusion of a balanced, comprehensive, and legally binding agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and under the mandate of the Bali Road Map, taking into account common but differentiated responsibilities and their respective national and regional development priorities, objectives, circumstances, and capabilities.
- c. Ensure continuous efforts to conserve and sustainably manage ASEAN's rich biological diversity toward enhancing social, economic, and environmental well-being.
- d. Implement commitments to multilateral and regional instruments on sustainable development and environmental agreements by working through bilateral, regional, and global partnership.
- e. Promote the development and transfer of low carbon and other climate-friendly technologies, as well as encourage innovative financing options to stimulate investment in climate-friendly technology research and development.

### **3. Health, Science and Technology, Education, Human Resources, Culture, and the High Quality of Life**

Consistent with the purposes and principles of ASEAN basic instruments to promote health, science and technology, education, human resources, cultural



heritage, and the high quality of life, ASEAN resolves at the global level to:

- a. Ensure access to adequate and affordable healthcare, medical services, as well as accessibility to safe, non-counterfeit, affordable, and effective medication.
- b. Enhance collaboration in the fields of technology transfer, science and technology research and development, exchange of scientists, and commercialization with the active participation of the private sector and relevant international organizations.
- c. Establish and strengthen international networks of scientific and technological institutions, as well as networking in various levels of institutions of higher learning.
- d. Strengthen collaboration with other regional and international educational organizations to enhance the quality and adaptability of education, and to achieve universal access on primary education.
- e. Continue existing efforts to promote regional mobility and mutual recognition of professional credentials, talents, and skills development.
- f. Promote fair and appropriate employment protection for payment of wages, and adequate access to decent working and living conditions for migrant workers, who may be victims of discrimination, abuse, exploitation, violence, with adequate access to the legal and judicial system of the receiving states, without undermining the laws, regulations, and policies of the receiving states.
- g. Promote the conservation and preservation of ASEAN cultural heritage; enhance awareness and

understanding of the people and the unique history of the region; and protect the distinctiveness of the ASEAN identity through unity in cultural diversity.

- h. Strengthen ASEAN's commitment in the attainment of the MDGs, such as poverty alleviation, underscoring the importance of better coordination and participation of all key stakeholders, such as public and private sectors, civil societies, and United Nations specialized agencies.

Building on current practice and achievements, we will identify key global issues of common interest and concern, enhance ASEAN coordination and cooperation on these key global issues in relevant multilateral fora and international organizations, such as the United Nations, and raise ASEAN's profile and constructive role in the global stage. We will undertake an assessment of key long-term trends, including the evolution of the global architecture, and develop appropriate adjustment and response strategies to such trends.

We hereby pledge to our peoples our resolve and commitment to bring the ASEAN common platform on global issues into reality by 2022. For this purpose, we task the concerned Ministers to follow-up and implement this Declaration with the coordinating role of the ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC), supported by the concerned sectoral ASEAN Senior Officials, the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) to ASEAN, and an enhanced ASEAN Secretariat whose capacity will be strengthened to provide effective support in projecting ASEAN's collective undertakings at the global level.

The implementation of this Declaration shall be reported to the ASEAN Summits by the ASEAN Coordinating Council

(ACC) taking into account the changing dynamics of the region and the global environment.

Done in Bali, Indonesia, on the Seventeenth of November in the Year Two Thousand and Eleven, in a single original copy, in the English Language.

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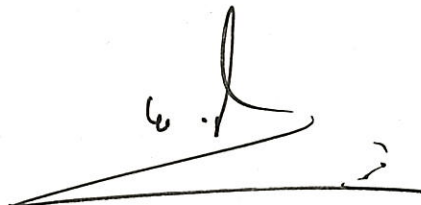
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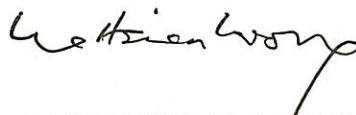
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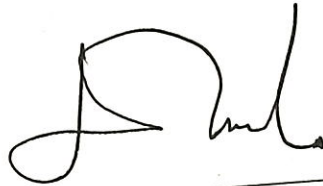
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