ASEAN LEADERS’ REVIEW AND DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIVE-POINT CONSENSUS

1. During the 40th and 41st ASEAN Summits, the Leaders assessed the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus as agreed at the ASEAN Leaders’ Meeting in April 2021. They took note of the recommendations of the 55th ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ Meeting on 3 August 2022 and Special ASEAN Foreign Ministers on 27 October 2022.

REVIEW

2. We reaffirmed that Myanmar remains an integral part of ASEAN;

3. We considered Articles 7 and 20 of the ASEAN Charter and recalled our 38th and 39th Summits;

4. Considering that the situation in Myanmar remains critical and fragile, with growing violence as a major concern which affects not only Myanmar but also ASEAN’s Community-building efforts, ASEAN is committed to assist Myanmar in finding a peaceful and durable solution to the current crisis;

5. With little progress achieved in the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus, it is therefore incumbent on the Myanmar Armed Forces to comply with its commitments to the ASEAN Leaders;

DECISION

6. The Five-Point Consensus shall remain our valid reference and should be implemented in its entirety;

7. There is a need for an implementation plan that outlines concrete, practical and measurable indicators with specific timeline to support the Five-Point Consensus and, therefore, shall be developed. We tasked the ASEAN Foreign Ministers to develop the implementation plan;
8. To seek all parties concerned to adhere to and implement the Five-Point Consensus and for ASEAN to engage all stakeholders soon. Engagement would be done in a flexible and informal manner, primarily undertaken by the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar due to the neutrality that is inherent in his/her mandate, with the sole objective of restoring peace and stability in the country in accordance with the Five-Point Consensus;

9. Whilst maintaining Myanmar’s non-political representation to the ASEAN Summits and the ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ Meeting, we tasked the ASEAN Coordinating Council to further review Myanmar’s representation at ASEAN meetings, if the situation so requires;

10. We reaffirmed that ASEAN Summit is the supreme decision-making body and will make the final decision on the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus, including when consensus cannot be achieved, in line with the ASEAN Charter;

11. To urge all parties concerned to de-escalate tensions and exercise utmost restraints and all parties concerned that bear arms should be fairly held accountable and condemned for violence, noting that the Myanmar Armed Force is the single largest military forces in Myanmar;

12. Calls all parties in Myanmar to facilitate the work of the Secretary General of ASEAN and AHA Centre in delivering humanitarian assistance in Myanmar to all in need without discrimination. The Secretary-General of ASEAN and the AHA Centre should be empowered with some degree of autonomy to facilitate the humanitarian assistance in Myanmar;

13. ASEAN is to call the UN and our external partners to support us in our efforts in the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus;

14. ASEAN shall consider exploring other approaches that could support the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus;

15. We shall review the above decision at our future sessions and mandate the Foreign Ministers to monitor progress and report to the ASEAN Summit.