

**FOURTH JOINT STATEMENT OF
LAO PDR-THAILAND-MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE POWER INTEGRATION
PROJECT**

24 AUGUST 2023

1 **We**, Minister of Energy and Mines of the Lao PDR, Minister of Energy of the Kingdom of Thailand, Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change of Malaysia, and Second Minister for Trade and Industry of the Republic of Singapore, have met on the occasion of the 41st ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM) and its Associated Meetings, hosted by Indonesia on 24 August 2023;

2 **RECALLING** that the Ministers of Lao PDR, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore had issued three Joint Statements on the occasions of the 38th AMEM on 19 November 2020, 39th AMEM on 15 September 2021, and 40th AMEM on 15 September 2022 to affirm our commitment to advancing multilateral cross-border power trade in ASEAN;

3 **RECALLING WITH GREAT SATISFACTION** the successful commencement of the Lao PDR-Thailand-Malaysia-Singapore Power Integration Project (LTMS-PIP) on 23 June 2022, which established multilateral cross-border power trade of up to 100MW from Lao PDR to Singapore via Thailand and Malaysia using existing interconnections for a two-year period, marking a historic milestone as the first multilateral cross-border electricity trade involving four ASEAN countries;

4 **RECALLING ALSO** that the Ministers of Lao PDR, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore had welcomed further discussions on enhancement and future plans for the LTMS-PIP to support the continued multilateral power trade on the occasion of the 40th AMEM on 15 September 2022;

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5 **REAFFIRM** our commitment to continuing and advancing multilateral cross-border power trade in ASEAN following the successful commencement of the LTMS-PIP on 23 June 2022;

6 **COMMEND** the continuing efforts of the LTMS-PIP Working Group, Taskforces and all stakeholders to monitor the technical, commercial, legal and regulatory aspects of cross-border power trade to ensure effective implementation of the LTMS-PIP;

7 **WORK TOWARDS** the continued power trade of the current LTMS-PIP of up to 100MW and facilitate future discussions regarding further capacity and development of the LTMS-PIP;

8 **EXPLORE** the potential and opportunities in enhancements to the LTMS-PIP towards advanced multidirectional power trade;

9 **ENCOURAGE** the LTMS-PIP Working Group, Taskforces, and all stakeholders to prepare related arrangements for enhancement and future developments;

10 **LEVERAGE** the support of ASEAN Ministers on Energy for the LTMS-PIP as a pathfinder to complement existing efforts towards realising the ASEAN Power Grid and the ASEAN Economic Community by creating opportunities for multilateral electricity trading in the region, to strengthen grid resilience, and promote clean and renewable energy integration in the region.

On the 24th day of August, 2023