



CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE ELEVENTH MINISTERIAL MEETING ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT (AMMDM) AND TWELFTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP) TO THE ASEAN AGREEMENT ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (AADMER)

12 October 2023, Ha Long, Viet Nam

1. The 11th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) and the 12th Meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP) to the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) were convened on 12 October 2023, in Ha Long, Viet Nam. The Meeting was opened and chaired by H.E. Le Minh Hoan, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam as Chair of the AMMDM. The Meeting was attended by Ministers and representatives of ASEAN Member States, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, and Timor Leste as observer, as well as the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre).
2. The Meeting congratulated the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) for its 20th anniversary and commended its remarkable contribution in building disaster resilience in the ASEAN region. The Meeting appreciated the ACDM in guiding and overseeing the implementation of the AADMER Work Programme 2021-2025, as well as the Governing Board of the AHA Centre in providing guidance on the operationalisation of the AHA Centre. Accomplishments in both policy and operational fronts are essential in achieving the aspirations of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER), ASEAN Declaration on One ASEAN, One Response: ASEAN Responding to Disasters as One in the Region and Outside the Region and the ASEAN Vision 2025 on Disaster Management; and in fulfilling the objectives of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2025.
3. The Meeting noted with satisfaction the achievements in 2023 across all Priority Programmes of the AADMER Work Programme (AWP) 2021-2025, such as the endorsement of the Policy Brief on Strengthening Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in Disaster Responsive Social Protection and Anticipatory Action in ASEAN, Training Module on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Responsive Anticipatory Action, and

ASEAN Disaster Law and Public Health Emergencies Mapping and Guidelines; the completion of the Disaster Emergency Logistics System for ASEAN (DELSA) Phase III Project; the commencement of DELSA Phase IV Project, the completion of the Strengthening ASEAN's Collective Response Capacity through the Enhancement of the Capacity Building of the Regional ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT) (2020 – 2022) Phase II project; the commencement of the Strengthening the Capacity of the ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT) Project Phase III, the commencement of the AHA Centre Executive Leadership in Emergency and Disaster Management for ASEAN Programme (ACE- LEDMP) Executive Level; and the conduct of the ASEAN Disaster Management Week (ADMW) which includes the ASEAN Interregional Dialogue on Disaster Resilience (AIDDR), the 1st ASEAN Disaster Resilience Forum (ADRF), the Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the ACDM, and the ASEAN Strategic Policy Dialogue on Disaster Management (SPDDM) 2023.

4. The Meeting noted the ongoing Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the AADMER Work Programme 2021-2025. The Meeting underlined the importance of the MTR in assessing the progress of the Work Programme in terms of its effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, impacts, and sustainability. The Meeting looked forward to the completion of the MTR and its recommendations to support full and effective implementation of the AWP.

5. The Meeting expressed strong commitment to implement the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Sustainable Resilience. The Meeting reiterated the importance of promoting sustainable resilience as an enabling framework to enhance collaboration in strengthening climate and disaster resilience for sustainable development, and addressing fundamental sustainable resilience challenges through, among others, knowledge and information sharing, technical assistance, resource mobilisation, capacity-building initiatives, in collaboration and partnership with ASEAN external partners, international organisations and private sector.

6. The Meeting adopted the Ha Long Ministerial Statement on the Strengthening of ASEAN Anticipatory Action in Disaster Management. Inspired by the theme of Viet Nam's AMMDM Chairmanship *"From response to anticipatory action and resilience: ASEAN's journey towards global leadership in disaster management"*, the Meeting emphasised the importance of strengthening disaster risk management systems to deliver anticipatory action, including but not limited to the following three building blocks – "risk information, forecasting and early warning systems", "planning, operations, and delivery", and "promoting pre-arranged finance" of the ASEAN Framework on Anticipatory Action in Disaster Management.

7. The Meeting commended the work of the ASEAN Disaster Resilience Platform (ADRP), which is composed of thirteen ASEAN Sectoral Bodies and the AHA Centre, in promoting a whole-of-ASEAN approach in disaster management. The Meeting noted with satisfaction the successful conduct of the 1st ASEAN Disaster Resilience Forum on 22-23 August 2023 in Singapore, which was attended by relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, Centres and Entities, ASEAN external partners, UN Agencies, multilateral financial institutions, Red Cross and Red Crescent movement, Non-Governmental Organisations, and private sector. The Meeting noted the outcomes of the Forum, including among others initiatives to enhance ASEAN's cross-sectoral coordination and joint efforts in strengthening resilience, increase collaboration with partners and friends in addressing climate-induced disasters and promoting the utilisation of advance science, technology and innovation; and promote public-private partnership in disaster management.

8. The Meeting noted with satisfaction the successful conduct of the ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (ARDEX-23) on 1-3 August 2023 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The Meeting appreciated the Indonesian National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB)'s initiative in hosting ARDEX-23 as one of Indonesia's ASEAN Chairmanship deliverables in 2023. The Meeting underscored the importance of strengthening ASEAN's disaster preparedness mechanisms as well as in promoting the whole-of-ASEAN coordinated approach to disaster response, exemplifying the spirit of 'One ASEAN, One Response'.

9. The Meeting looked forward to the operationalisation of the revised Financial Rules of the ASEAN Disaster Management and Emergency Relief (ADMER) Fund, adopted by the AMMDM on 30 June 2023 and noted by the 43rd ASEAN Summit on 5 September 2023, which will enable the public and private sources to contribute to the ADMER Fund. The Meeting also noted with appreciation the renewed activation of the Special Humanitarian Assistance Fund to support the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar. The Meeting noted the current balance of the ADMER Fund and encouraged the Member States to contribute to the Fund to support the implementation of the AADMER.

10. The Meeting noted the progress in the conduct of a comprehensive review of the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Secretary-General of ASEAN as the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator (SG-AHAC). The Meeting looked forward to the completion of the review and the strengthened roles of the SG-AHAC.

11. The Meeting noted the progress in the implementation of ASEAN-United Nations Joint Strategic Plan of Action on Disaster Management (JSPADM) IV 2021-2025, ASEAN-China Work Plan on Disaster Management, ASEAN-Japan Work Plan on Disaster Management 2021-2025 and ASEAN-Republic of Korea (ROK) Work Plan on

Disaster Management 2021-2025. The Meeting appreciated the renewed commitment of the United Nations, China, Japan and ROK in supporting ASEAN in strengthening disaster resilience in the region, and encouraged the partners to strengthen efforts in implementing the respective action plan/work plans.

12. The Meeting appreciated the support of China to the ACDM especially the ongoing ASEAN-China Disaster Management Capacity Building Programme and ASEAN Disaster Risk Communication Framework. The Meeting noted the ongoing discussion on a legally-binding Memorandum of Understanding on the establishment of the ASEAN-China Centre for Emergency Management Cooperation (ACCEMC).

13. The Meeting appreciated the continued support from Japan particularly on the ASEAN-ERAT Phase III, DELSA Phase IV and AHA Centre Executive (ACE) - Leadership in Emergency and Disaster Management for ASEAN Programme (LEDMP) Programmes, as well as the ASEAN-Japan Public-Private Seminar on Innovative Policies and Technologies for Disaster Risk Reduction. The Meeting welcomed the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN-Japan Relations to recognise Japan's continued support towards the ASEAN Disaster Management Sector.

14. The Meeting appreciated the progress of the cooperation between ASEAN and ROK in disaster management particularly the ASEAN Standards and Certifications for Experts in Disaster Management (ASCEND), Disaster Risk Management Capacity Building Programme for AMS (D-CAB) and ASEAN-ROK Capacity Building Programme on Harnessing Advanced Science, Technology and Innovation for Disaster Resilience projects.

15. The Meeting appreciated the support of ASEAN External Partners, relevant stakeholders, including the AADMER Partnership Group, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and the private sector in implementing the AWP 2021-2025 in building a resilient ASEAN.

16. The Meeting noted the convening of the 19th Meeting of the Governing Board of the AHA Centre, and congratulated the Governing Board for the effective implementation of the AHA Centre Work Plan in 2023. The Meeting reiterated the important role of the AHA Centre in operationalising the ASEAN Declaration on "One ASEAN One Response: ASEAN Responding to Disasters as One in the Region and Outside the Region", and commended the AHA Centre's swift response to support the response efforts to Tropical Cyclone Mocha in Myanmar as well as the combined effects of the Southwest Monsoon, Tropical Cyclone Doksuri, and Tropical Cyclone Khanun in July 2023. The Meeting welcomed the ongoing efforts to improve the governance and corporate development of the AHA Centre, and endorsed the new AHA Centre salary and benefit structure.

17. The Meeting appreciated the progress made by the AHA Centre in the implementation of Point 4 of the ASEAN Leaders' Five-Point Consensus for the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar, under the guidance of the SG-AHAC and the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair to Myanmar. The Meeting noted that the key findings and recommendations of the ASEAN Joint Needs Assessment in Myanmar (JNA) had been submitted to the 42nd ASEAN Summit and related meetings in May 2023, in Labuan Bajo, Indonesia, and that Phase 2 on Life-Sustaining have since commenced to address the broader humanitarian needs with the support of a wider range of operational partners.

18. The Meeting expressed appreciation for the leadership of the Government of Viet Nam as Chair of the ACDM, the Governing Board of the AHA Centre, the Conference of Parties (COP) to AADMER and the AMMDM in 2023. The Meeting applauded the Government of Viet Nam for the remarkable achievements and comprehensive list of deliverables under its chairmanship. The Meeting looked forward to the 12th AMMDM and the 13th Meeting of the COP to AADMER under the chairmanship of Brunei Darussalam in 2024.
