



**ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' STATEMENT
ON THE U.S.- CHINA SUMMIT MEETING**

21 NOVEMBER 2023

1. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) welcomed the recent summit between the President of the United States, Joseph R. Biden Jr. and the President of the People's Republic of China, Xi Jinping, on 15 November 2023 in Woodside, California.
2. We were encouraged by their continued commitment to maintain open lines of communication and manage their relationship responsibly by building on the November 2022 meeting in Bali.
3. Both China and the United States are Comprehensive Strategic Partners of ASEAN, and we welcome their commitments to the key principles, shared values and norms enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC), the Declaration of the East Asia Summit (EAS) on the Principles for Mutually Beneficial Relations (Bali Principles) and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP).
4. We share the common interest to reinforce an open, transparent, resilient and inclusive regional architecture, anchored in international law, with ASEAN at the center as guided by the purposes and principles of ASEAN and ASEAN-led mechanisms and to build trust and confidence among all countries in the region.
5. As long-standing partners of ASEAN, we encourage China's and the United States' continued support to the ASEAN Community building process and to peace, stability and prosperity of our region, based on mutual interests and mutual benefits. ASEAN stands ready to work together with China and the United States in maintaining and promoting the region as an epicentrum of growth by building resilience against emerging challenges and future shocks through engagement and cooperation, and safeguarding peace, security and development in our region and the world at large.

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