



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

Vientiane, Lao PDR, 9 October 2024

1. We reviewed the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus (5PC) and took note of the recommendation of the 35th ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC) Meeting and the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 8 October 2024.

REVIEW

2. We discussed the developments in Myanmar and expressed our deep concern over the escalation of conflicts and humanitarian situation there. We denounced the continued acts of violence in Myanmar against civilians and public facilities and called for immediate cessation, and urged all parties involved to take concrete action to immediately halt indiscriminate violence, denounce any escalation, exercise utmost restraint, ensure the protection and safety of all civilians and create conducive environment for the delivery of humanitarian assistance and inclusive national dialogue.

3. We reaffirmed ASEAN's commitment to assisting Myanmar in finding a peaceful and durable solution to the ongoing crisis, as Myanmar remains an integral part of ASEAN.

4. We appreciated the ASEAN Chair's efforts to ensure the progress on the implementation of the 5PC in its entirety with the sole objective of restoring peace, stability, democracy through a Myanmar owned and led comprehensive political resolution.

5. We commended the work of the ASEAN Chair, through its Special Envoy, in establishing inclusive engagements with all relevant stakeholders in Myanmar towards promoting a national inclusive dialogue, through a building-blocks dialogue approach and continuing reaching out to parties concerned in a sustainable manner.

6. We further recognised that a sustainable, objective and inclusive ASEAN approach is a crucial step to building trust and bridging differences among different stakeholders, facilitating the safe delivery of humanitarian assistance to the people in need in Myanmar, and promoting cessation of violence and establishing an inclusive national dialogue.

7. We appreciated the contributions by ASEAN Member States, external partners, the United Nations (UN), the private sector and the continued support from all stakeholders in Myanmar that have enabled the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) to continue to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Myanmar in an inclusive manner to Internally Displaced

Persons (IDPs) in several areas in Myanmar, according to the Joint Needs Assessment (JNA). We also commended Thailand's Humanitarian Initiative which has made a significant contribution to these efforts.

8. We welcomed the progress of the provision of ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance under Phase 1 (Life-Saving/COVID-19 response) and Phase 2 (Life-Sustaining) by the AHA Centre in coordination with Myanmar to implement Point 4 of the ASEAN Leaders' 5PC.

9. We noted with appreciation the continued support from the international community, particularly the UN for ASEAN in the implementation of the 5PC, as it remains critical in helping the people of Myanmar to achieve a Myanmar-owned and -led peaceful and durable solutions through inclusive national dialogue.

10. We took note of the discussions from the Informal Consultation consisting of the current, previous and incoming Chairs of ASEAN on the implementation of the 5PC and the decisions made during the 57th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting in July 2024 to organise a meeting among Special Envoys on Myanmar and an extended informal consultation with participation of interested ASEAN Member States. We acknowledged the convening of the meeting of the Special Envoys on Myanmar in Jakarta, Indonesia, in October 2024, and looked forward to the extended informal consultation with participation of interested ASEAN Member States in Thailand in December 2024.

11. We acknowledged the Chair's comprehensive report on the 5PC implementation and, in line with the assessment of the report, we called for more progress in all areas of 5PC due to our concern on substantially inadequate progress in the implementation of the 5PC. Therefore, we agreed on the following:

DECISIONS

12. Maintain the 5PC as the main reference to address the political crisis in Myanmar which should be implemented in its entirety to help the people of Myanmar to achieve an inclusive and durable peaceful resolution that is Myanmar-owned and -led, thus contributing to peace, security and stability in the region.

13. Urge all stakeholders and parties in Myanmar, in particular the armed forces and security forces concerned, to de-escalate violence and stop targeted attacks on civilians and public facilities.

14. Continue engagements with all relevant stakeholders in Myanmar by the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair, with the support of ASEAN Member States and Myanmar's neighbouring countries as relevant and appropriate in line with the 5PC, to build trust toward convening an inclusive national dialogue, with the aim of achieving a durable peaceful resolution to the crisis that is Myanmar-owned and-led.

15. Expedite ASEAN's on-going efforts and other relevant approaches led by the ASEAN Chair, including through the informal consultation consisting of current, previous, and incoming Chairs of ASEAN, and an extended informal consultation with participation of other interested ASEAN Member States. We encourage the continued meetings between the Special Envoy of ASEAN Chair and other Special Envoys on Myanmar to share

experiences, exchange views and suggestions, and discuss the way forward in support for the implementation of the 5PC. We underlined the importance of ASEAN Member States being informed and engaged in such processes. Any effort by ASEAN Member States in coordination with the ASEAN Chair, to address the crisis in Myanmar, shall remain in line with the 5PC.

16. Continue to uphold the decision of the 40th and 41st ASEAN Summits, and 43rd ASEAN Summit regarding Myanmar’s non-political representation at the ASEAN Summits and ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ Meetings and task the ASEAN Coordinating Council to review this decision only when there is concrete progress in the implementation of 5PC. Reiterate that the crisis in Myanmar should not affect the ASEAN Community-building process and decision-making.

17. Ensure that following the Philippine Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2026, subsequent rotation of Chairmanship shall continue to be based on alphabetical order, until a different decision is made.

18. Advance the safe, effective, and transparent delivery of ASEAN humanitarian assistance without discrimination based on the Joint Needs Assessment (JNA) by the AHA Centre with the continued support of relevant stakeholders in Myanmar and through cross-border efforts where necessary. Ensure that assistance, without discrimination, can directly reach IDPs affected by the ongoing armed conflicts, while adapting to the evolving humanitarian needs and challenges on the ground.

19. Call for scaled-up additional financial support from the international community for the work of humanitarian assistance to Myanmar towards the more effective implementation of Point 4 of the 5PC.

20. Further enhance cooperation among ASEAN Member States and between ASEAN and its External Partners, neighbouring countries of Myanmar, and the UN with a view to supporting ASEAN efforts to address the crisis in Myanmar and its wider impacts, including the rise and increase of transnational crimes, such as drugs trafficking, human trafficking and online scams.

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