



CHAIR'S STATEMENT

ASEAN POST-MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE (PMC) 11+1 SESSIONS WITH DIALOGUE PARTNERS AND TRILATERAL MEETINGS

Manila, 22 July 2026

1. The ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference (PMC) 11+1 Sessions with ASEAN's Dialogue Partners, namely Australia, Canada, China, the European Union (EU), India, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea (ROK), the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom (UK), and the United States of America (US), were convened in Manila, Philippines, on 22-23 July 2026.
2. The Meetings underscored the importance of upholding ASEAN unity and Centrality in its external engagement, built upon ASEAN-led mechanisms including ASEAN Plus One, ASEAN Plus Three (APT), East Asia Summit (EAS), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus), and Expanded ASEAN Maritime Forum (EAMF) in building an ASEAN-centred, open, inclusive, transparent, resilient, and rules-based regional architecture that upholds international law.
3. The Meetings reiterated their shared commitment to pursue cooperation that supports ASEAN's collective efforts in realising *ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future*, towards a resilient, innovative, dynamic community.
4. ASEAN appreciated Dialogue Partners' continued support for the implementation of the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP), and their continued commitment to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) and its principles, which are vital to sustaining peace and promoting mutual trust in the region and beyond.
5. The Meetings underscored the importance of cooperation to strengthen energy security, including through further development of the ASEAN Power Grid (APG) to realise the APG 2045 vision and the implementation of the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) 2026-2030. The Meetings welcomed the conclusion of negotiations on the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA) and looked forward to its signing on the sidelines of the 49th ASEAN Summit in November 2026.

6. The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Participating Countries underscored their commitment to the full and effective implementation and utilisation of the RCEP Agreement, which supports the ASEAN economic integration agenda. The Participating Countries welcomed the positive steps taken towards expanding the RCEP's membership and advancing the accession process of applicants into the Agreement. They also looked forward to the preparations for the General Review to upgrade the Agreement, which will further strengthen the RCEP as a cornerstone of regional trade and economic integration, fostering a more open, inclusive, and rules-based economic order across the region.
7. ASEAN appreciated the continued support from Dialogue Partners in advancing ASEAN's regional connectivity agenda through the implementation of the ASEAN Connectivity Strategic Plan (ACSP) 2026–2035, building on the conclusion of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025.
8. ASEAN welcomed the continued support from Dialogue Partners in advancing regional efforts on climate action, biodiversity conservation, environmental sustainability, including cooperation in key areas such as green growth, transboundary haze pollution, marine pollution, climate change, biodiversity conservation, water resources management, waste management, environmental education, sustainable consumption and production, and sustainable cities. ASEAN also welcomed collaboration with its centres, such as the ASEAN Centre for Climate Change (ACCC), the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Transboundary Haze Pollution Control (ACCTHPC), the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), the ASEAN Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue (ACSDSD), and the ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Centre (ASMC).
9. The Meetings further looked forward to the convening of the 31st session of the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP31) in November 2026 and welcomed the development of the ASEAN Joint Statement on Climate Change to UNFCCC COP31.
10. ASEAN welcomed continued support from Dialogue Partners in building resilience to disasters to achieve a safer and more resilient region and community as guided in the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER). ASEAN appreciated continued support for the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management, including through the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre), and looked forward to robust collaboration with

Dialogue Partners in the effective implementation of the AADMER Work Programme 2026-2030 and related frameworks.

11. ASEAN appreciated the continued support from Dialogue Partners in advancing efforts to narrow the development gaps within the region, supporting the equitable participation of all Member States in the ASEAN Community-building process, particularly through the effective implementation of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan V (2026–2030). ASEAN welcomed the ongoing efforts to strengthen development cooperation with sub-regional cooperation frameworks, recognising their important role in complementing regional initiatives and contributing to the narrowing of development gaps.
12. ASEAN welcomed the continued support from Dialogue Partners and other external partners in assisting Timor-Leste's post-admission priorities and ongoing efforts to fulfil the remaining criteria under the Roadmap for Timor-Leste's Full Membership in ASEAN. ASEAN underscored the importance of sustained support for Timor-Leste's full integration and meaningful participation in ASEAN Community-building efforts.
13. The Meetings discussed the situation in the South China Sea, during which concerns were expressed by some Ministers on the land reclamations, activities, serious incidents in the area, including actions that put the safety of all persons at risk, and damage to the marine environment, which have eroded trust and confidence, increased tensions, and may undermine peace, security, and stability in the region. We reaffirmed the need to enhance mutual trust and confidence, exercise self-restraint in the conduct of activities that would complicate or escalate disputes and affect peace and stability and avoid actions that may further complicate the situation. We further reaffirmed the need to pursue peaceful resolution of disputes, in accordance with international law, including the 1982 UNCLOS. We emphasised the importance of non-militarisation and self-restraint in the conduct of all activities by claimants and all other states, including those mentioned in the 2002 Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) that could further complicate the situation and escalate tensions in the South China Sea.
14. The Meetings reaffirmed the importance of maintaining and promoting peace, security, stability, safety, and freedom of navigation in and overflight above the South China Sea and recognised the benefits of having the South China Sea as a sea of peace, stability, prosperity, and sustainable development. In this regard, we underscored the importance of the full and effective implementation of the DOC in its entirety. We were pleased with the sustained

positive momentum in the ongoing negotiations on the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC) and, in this regard, welcomed the significant progress achieved so far. We looked forward to continued efforts in endeavouring to conclude the negotiation of an effective and substantive COC that is in accordance with international law, including the 1982 UNCLOS, within this year. We emphasised the need to maintain and promote an environment conducive to the COC negotiations, including the situation in the South China Sea, and thus welcomed practical measures that could reduce tensions and the risk of accidents, misunderstandings, and miscalculation. We stressed the importance of undertaking confidence building and preventive measures to enhance, among others, trust and confidence amongst parties, and we reaffirmed the importance of upholding international law, including the 1982 UNCLOS.

15. We expressed our deep concern over the ongoing conflicts and humanitarian situation in Myanmar, and encouraged progress on the implementation of the ASEAN Leaders' Five-Point Consensus (5PC). We reaffirmed our united position that the 5PC remains our main reference to address the political crisis in Myanmar and further reaffirmed the relevant Leaders' decisions. We denounced the continued acts of violence against civilians and public facilities and urged all parties involved to take concrete action to immediately halt indiscriminate violence, exercise utmost restraint, ensure the protection and safety of all civilians and civilian infrastructures, and create a conducive environment for the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the people in need in Myanmar without discrimination, and inclusive national dialogue. We also welcomed the continued progress in the provision of humanitarian assistance to Myanmar by the AHA Centre in support of Point 4 of the ASEAN Leaders' 5PC. 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 AHA Centre to ensure an effective response. We noted with appreciation the continued support from the international community for ASEAN in the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus. We also noted the conclusion of the three phases of Myanmar's general elections and the succeeding developments. We recalled our informal discussion on 12 July 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand, guided by the mandate of the Leaders to continue constructive and principled engagement with Myanmar consistent with the 5PC. We discussed the possible elements for assessing progress in Myanmar, in line with the 5PC which serve as a reference for ASEAN to consider further steps in its continued engagement with Myanmar.
16. We commended the dedicated efforts of H.E. Ma. Theresa P. Lazaro as the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar, since her appointment in

January 2026. In carrying out her mandate, the Special Envoy has actively engaged a wide and diverse range of Myanmar stakeholders. The Special Envoy has also engaged ASEAN Member States, ASEAN Dialogue Partners, Myanmar neighbouring countries, international and regional partners, civil society organisations, humanitarian actors, and think tanks towards finding an inclusive and sustainable resolution to the crisis. This inclusive engagement reflects ASEAN's commitment to collaborative efforts in addressing the complex challenges in Myanmar. We looked forward to the Special Envoy's plan to visit Myanmar in the last quarter of the year. We will conduct our comprehensive review of the 5PC implementation and submit our recommendations to the 49th ASEAN Summit. We took note of the deliberations of the ASEAN Senior Officials on the Non-Paper on the Elements for the Terms of Reference of the Special Envoy of ASEAN in Myanmar and recognised the importance of concluding their discussions on the proposal in line with the mandate given by the ASEAN Leaders.

17. The Meeting took note of the recent developments regarding the Korean Peninsula and stressed the importance of resuming peaceful dialogue among all concerned parties in order to realise lasting peace and stability in a denuclearised Korean Peninsula. The Meeting expressed grave concern over the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's (DPRK) ongoing development of nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programmes in violation of relevant UNSC resolutions, which are worrisome developments that threaten peace and stability in the region. The Meeting called on the DPRK to comply fully with all relevant UNSC resolutions and continue working towards the realisation of lasting peace and stability in a denuclearised Korean Peninsula. The Meeting also called for the full implementation of all relevant UNSC resolutions and noted international efforts to bring about the complete denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula in a peaceful manner. Diplomatic efforts, including the creation of a conducive environment for peaceful dialogue among all concerned parties, should remain a priority.
18. The Meeting expressed support for the ROK's efforts to resume dialogue through proactive de-escalation and confidence-building measures, with the aim of achieving peaceful coexistence and shared growth on the Korean Peninsula through the expansion of inter-Korean exchanges, normalisation of relations, and advancing denuclearisation. The Meeting reiterated our readiness to play a constructive role, including through ASEAN-led platforms such as the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), in promoting a conducive atmosphere for peaceful dialogue among the concerned parties. The Meeting also called for the immediate resolution of the abductions issue.

19. The Meetings expressed serious concern over the escalation of conflict in the Middle East following the attacks initiated by Israel and the United States against the Islamic Republic of Iran on 28 February 2026 and the subsequent retaliatory attacks by the Islamic Republic of Iran against several countries in the region, including the Kingdom of Bahrain, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, State of Kuwait, Sultanate of Oman, State of Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, and the United Arab Emirates, which continue to heighten tensions in the Middle East, and pose a grave threat to the lives and safety of civilians, as well as to regional and global peace and stability. We called on all countries to respect international law, including the Charter of the United Nations. We reaffirmed the obligation of all States to resolve their differences through peaceful means and to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations, in line with international law, including the UN Charter. We called on all parties concerned to exercise utmost self-restraint, avoid any acts that may aggravate the situation, and resolve differences through diplomacy and dialogue in the interest of maintaining peace and stability in the region.
20. The Meeting expressed deep concern over the humanitarian situation in Lebanon and the escalation of tensions, which cost the lives of seven peacekeepers, including four from Indonesia, and injured several other peacekeepers from other countries. We further reiterated the obligations to protect civilians and civilian infrastructures in armed conflicts consistent with international law, including international humanitarian law, Charter of the United Nations, as well as relevant UN Security Council resolutions.
21. The Meetings recognised that the implications of the situation in the Middle East along with the rising uncertainties have affected the region's stability in energy, food, and peoples' well-being. Recalling the ASEAN Leaders' Statement on the Response to the Middle East Crisis, we reaffirmed our commitment to strengthen coordination of ASEAN's responses and positions to minimise and mitigate the impacts of the situation to our region, including by effectively utilising ASEAN-led mechanisms and external platforms, including the ASEAN Plus Ones, ASEAN's Plus One Free Trade Areas (FTAs), APT, the EAS and the ARF, to promote dialogue, coordination and cooperation to build regional resilience.
22. We stressed the imperative of advancing the Comprehensive Plan to rebuild Gaza and of living up to the commitment to ensuring a two-state Solution.
23. The Meetings reaffirmed the importance of maintaining maritime safety and security, and upholding freedom of navigation in and overflight above straits used for international navigation, in accordance with international law,

particularly the 1982 UNCLOS. In this regard, we called for the restoration of the safe, unimpeded, and continuous transit passage of vessels and aircraft in the Strait of Hormuz in line with UNCLOS.

24. The Meeting noted that ASEAN and Japan would co-host the Ministerial Meeting of the Conference on Cooperation among East Asian countries for Palestinian Development (CEAPAD) in Manila on the sidelines of the ASEAN Ministerial Meetings and Related Meetings.
25. We welcomed the signing by the United States of America and the Islamic Republic of Iran of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 18 June 2026. We expressed deep concern about the recent developments and called upon parties to exercise restraint and to return to the path of diplomacy to achieve a peaceful and lasting solution to the conflict. We continue to support diplomatic efforts in bringing lasting and sustainable peace in the Middle East and commended the efforts of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, State of Qatar and all other parties involved for the collaborative efforts in this regard.
26. The Meeting expressed grave concern over the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza, which has been exacerbated following the 7 October 2023 attacks and the resumption of hostilities on 18 March 2025. The Meeting condemned all attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure. The Meeting reaffirmed our longstanding support for the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including the rights to self-determination, and to their homeland. In this regard, we urged all parties concerned to work towards a peaceful resolution to the conflict with a view to realising the two-State solution in accordance with international law and the relevant UNSC and UNGA resolutions, including UNGA resolution A/RES/ES-10/23 on the Admission of New Members to the UN dated 10 May 2024, and UNGA resolution A/RES/ES-10/27 on protection of civilians and upholding legal and humanitarian obligations dated 12 June 2025.
27. The Meeting acknowledged the immediate and long-term effects of the Middle East crisis on the well-being of our people. We noted the ongoing initiatives, both at the regional and national levels, to ensure the timely and targeted delivery of social welfare and social protection services to address the disproportionate impact of the crises, including on health and livelihoods.

Australia

28. The ASEAN PMC with Australia was co-chaired by the Republic of Indonesia and Australia.

29. The Meeting underlined the significance of the 5th anniversary of the ASEAN-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) and welcomed commemorative activities to celebrate the milestone. The Meeting looked forward to the adoption of a Joint Leaders' Statement on the 5th anniversary of the ASEAN-Australia CSP at the Sixth ASEAN-Australia Summit.
30. The Meeting welcomed substantive progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Implement the CSP (2025-2029), and looked forward to continued cooperation, including through the Australia for ASEAN Futures Initiative (Aus4ASEAN Futures).
31. The Meeting reaffirmed its commitment to deepening political-security cooperation through the active participation in and constructive contributions to the ASEAN-led mechanisms, such as the ARF, EAS, ADMM-Plus, and the EAMF, as well as through the implementation of the ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking programme (ASEAN-ACT) (2018-2028) and the ASEAN-Australia Political Security Partnership (APSP).
32. The Meeting welcomed progress on implementing the Joint Leaders' Statement on Conflict Prevention and Crisis Management in the ASEAN-led Architecture at the 5th ASEAN-Australia Summit in 2025. The Meeting noted Australia's participation in a plenary session on conflict prevention at the 3rd ASEAN Future Forum in June 2026 in Ha Noi.
33. The Meeting welcomed collective efforts to enhance regional peace and security, including through expanded and advanced defence cooperation. The Meeting noted Australia's active engagement in the ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Groups (EWGs), including its co-chairmanship on Cyber Security with Cambodia for the 2024-2027 cycle, as well as the ASEAN-Australia Defence Postgraduate Scholarship Program and the ASEAN-Australia Maritime Security Research Program. The Meeting also welcomed the ASEAN Maritime Cybersecurity Conference, co-organised by Australia and Malaysia in Putrajaya in November 2025 as the second AOIP from a Defence Perspective activity under the ADMM.
34. The Meeting welcomed the adoption of the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) + Australia Work Plan on Cooperation to Combat Transnational Crime (2026-2030) and its immediate implementation. The Meeting appreciated Australia's support for the development of the ASEAN's first Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report, expected for adoption by the 19th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC) this year. The Meeting looked forward to the effective implementation of the 2026-2027 ASEAN-Australia Programme of Work, and further welcomed

Australia's proposal to establish an AMMTC + Australia Consultation, building on achievements under the SOMTC + Australia and ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs Ministers (DGICM) + Australia Consultations. The Meeting also looked forward to the strengthening of cooperation in addressing illicit drug challenges through the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters (ASOD) + Australia Consultation.

35. The Meeting underlined the importance of strengthening maritime cooperation and appreciated Australia's support, including through Law of the Sea training programmes. The Meeting acknowledged the AOIP Seminar Series on maritime cooperation held in 2024 and 2025 and looked forward to the continuation of the second iteration of the AOIP Maritime Seminars Series project between 2026 and 2028, including a planned workshop on undersea cables tentatively scheduled to be held in the second semester of 2026.
36. The Meeting appreciated Australia's ongoing support for the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) and implementation of its Five-Year Work Plan 2026-2030, including through the Southeast Asia Government to Government Human Rights Technical Cooperation Program (SEAG2G HRTCP) 2025-2028. The Meeting acknowledged the convening of the 9th Interface between AICHR and Australia on 22 May 2026 during the 43rd Meeting of the Commission held in the ASEAN Headquarters/ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia.
37. The Meeting noted continued ASEAN-Australia collaboration to expand two-way trade and investment, as well as progress in the implementation of initiatives under *Invested: Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040*. The meeting also noted that ASEAN-Australia two-way trade increased by 1.02 per cent, from USD 96.30 billion in 2024 to USD 97.28 billion in 2025. The Meeting further noted that Australia's investment in Southeast Asia increased nearly AUD 2 billion from 2023 to 2024.
38. The Meeting reaffirmed the value of the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA) in deepening regional trade. Noting that the Second Protocol to Amend the AANZFTA has been in force for over a year for most Parties, the Meeting emphasised the immediate importance of translating the upgraded commitments into tangible business utilisation and economic benefits and urged the remaining Parties to expedite their domestic processes to achieve full ratification. The Meeting commended the ongoing operationalisation of the Regional Trade for Development (RT4D) Initiative in bridging capacity gaps and driving commercial outcomes, particularly for local businesses.

39. The Meeting welcomed the ongoing efforts in advancing energy transition, particularly through support for the APG and other green energy initiatives. The Meeting welcomed the AUD 6.5 million Energy Cooperation Program to support ASEAN energy connectivity and market integration for energy security, accessibility, affordability, and sustainability through the ASEAN Centre for Energy. The Meeting noted Australia's continued support for the ASEAN's Strategy for Carbon Neutrality to accelerate ASEAN's inclusive transition to a green economy.
40. The Meeting welcomed the adoption of the ASEAN Framework and Action Plan for a Just and Inclusive Transition to Green Jobs (2025-2030) by the ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting in March 2026 and looked forward to its implementation, including the convening of ASEAN Green Jobs Forum in October 2026 in the Philippines.
41. The Meeting welcomed cooperation on food security, noting the progress in the implementation of the Joint Leaders' Statement on Strengthening Food Security and Nutrition in Response to Crises, including through the ASEAN-CGIAR Innovate for Food Regional Programme, ASEAN Regional Diagnostic Network (ARDN) Project, and the Meryl Williams Fellowship Program to support meaningful participation of women in agricultural science.
42. The Meeting welcomed the Consultative Dialogue on Tourism in January 2026 in Cebu, the Philippines and appreciated Australia's support for the broader goals of the ASEAN Tourism Sectoral Plan (ATSP) 2026-2030, aiming for a more sustainable, resilient and integrated tourism sector.
43. The Meeting appreciated Australia's support in the conduct of the End-Term Review of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2025, development of the ASCC Strategic Plan's Results Framework, and enhancement of the ASCC Database for Monitoring and Evaluation (ADME) System, to further supporting evidence-based, data-driven decision, and policy-making process.
44. The Meeting appreciated Australia's support for ASEAN humanitarian assistance to Myanmar, including the provision of food assistance, through the AHA Centre. The Meeting looked forward to Australia's support for the implementation of AADMER Work Programme 2026-2030.
45. The Meeting welcomed the Aus4ASEAN Scholarships, ASEAN Scholars Leadership Programme, Aus4ASEAN Fellowships New Colombo Plan, Australia Awards Scholarships, Aus4ASEAN Digital Transition and Future

Skills Initiative technical and vocational education and training (TVET) Short Courses, ASEAN-Australia Centre Emerging Leaders' Program and Short Courses, and the continued contribution for the implementation of the ASEAN TVET Council (ATC) Work Plan (2021-2030). The Meeting commended the continued impact of the Model EAS programme, co-organised by Australia, China, and Japan in 2025, with alumni organising Model ASEAN activities involving over 500 participants across 12 countries.

46. The Meeting appreciated Australia's support in the development of key sectoral workplans and strategies (2025-2030) that will promote regional cooperation for improved social inclusion and gender equality across ASEAN, including workplans for the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW), ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC), Senior Officials' Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD), and Senior Officials' Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE), as well as the development of the ASEAN Regional Plan on Action on the Elimination of Violence against Children (ASEAN RPA on EVAC) and ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on Ending Violence Against Women (ASEAN RPA on EVAW) 2026-2035 and the new ASEAN Enabling Masterplan for mainstreaming disability rights. The Meeting also commended Australia's support for the implementation of the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on Women, Peace and Security (ASEAN RPA WPS).
47. The Meeting appreciated Australia's support for the ASCC Research and Development Platform on Care Economy, which will evaluate the care workforce, the implications of demographic shifts, and the development of sustainable care policies.
48. The Meeting appreciated Australia's support for ASEAN's efforts in promoting and protecting migrant workers' rights through cooperation to implement the Action Plan 2021-2025 of the ASEAN Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers and the Tripartite Action for the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers in the ASEAN Region (TRIANGLE) in ASEAN and looked forward to Australia's continued support for the implementation of the Action Plan 2026-2030 of the ASEAN Consensus and the new "TRIANGLE Partnerships" project for 2026-2030.
49. The Meeting acknowledged the valuable partnership between ASEAN Cooperation on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM) and Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) in advancing good governance, public sector reform, and civil service excellence, including through exchange of good practices

and capacity building, and looked forward to deepening APSC's technical support to the implementation of the ACCSM Work Plan 2026-2030.

50. The Meeting welcomed Australia's support for the preparatory projects of the ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED), including establishment of the ACPHEED Support Unit at the ASEAN Secretariat. The Meeting also appreciated the ASEAN-Australia Initiative to End Malnutrition: Achieving Global Targets across ASEAN project.
51. The Meeting appreciated Australia's support for the development and implementation of the Post-2025 ASEAN Strategic Plan on Environment (ASPEN). The Meeting noted that ASEAN and Australia remain committed to promoting regional resilience and adaptation through climate action including through the ACCC in Brunei Darussalam. The Meeting welcomed Australia's role as the president of the negotiations of the UNFCCC COP31 in November 2026 in Türkiye.
52. The Meeting appreciated Australia's human resource support for the Implementation of Sustainability Initiatives to advance cross-cutting and cross-pillar coordination of circular economy, carbon neutrality, and blue economy initiatives in charting a resilient and sustainable future. The Meeting acknowledged Australia's support in developing the ASEAN Blue Economy Implementation Plan (2026-2030) and the feasibility study on ASEAN Green Economy Framework Agreement.
53. The Meeting appreciated Australia's support for the End-Term Review of MPAC 2025 and development of ACSP, implementation of the ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy Phase II (ASUS Project - Phase II), as well as advancing and updating the Initial Rolling Priority Pipeline of ASEAN Infrastructure Projects. The Meeting also appreciated support to conduct an End-Term Review of the Masterplan on Rural Development and develop the new RDPE sectoral workplan.
54. The Meeting appreciated Australia's support for the development of the IAI Work Plan V (2026-2030) and its Implementation Plan. The Meeting also welcomed Australia's contribution to the region's inclusive growth and equitable, and sustainable development by promoting sub-regional development, including through effective implementation of the AUD 222.5 million second phase of the Mekong-Australia Partnership (2024-2029).

Canada

55. The ASEAN PMC with Canada was co-chaired by Lao PDR and Canada on 22 July 2026 in Manila, Philippines.
56. The Meeting noted with satisfaction the full implementation of the POA to Implement the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-Canada Enhanced Partnership (2021-2025). The Meeting adopted the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-Canada Strategic Partnership (2026-2030) and looked forward to the effective implementation of the new POA.
57. The Meeting welcomed progress in implementing the 2023 Joint Leaders' Statement on the ASEAN-Canada Strategic Partnership, as well as the ASEAN-Canada Joint Leaders' Statement on Enhancing ASEAN Connectivity and Resilience adopted during the ASEAN-Canada Special Summit on Enhancing ASEAN Connectivity and Resilience in October 2024.
58. The Meeting acknowledged that political-security engagement between ASEAN and Canada continues to strengthen on multiple fronts, including through Canada's active participation in the ARF and ASEAN Plus Canada Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC + Canada) Consultation. The Meeting welcomed the adoption of the new SOMTC + Canada Work Plan on Cooperation to Combat Transnational Crime (2026-2030) implementation at the 14th SOMTC + Canada Consultations in June 2026.
59. The Meeting took note of Canada's continued interest in joining the East Asia Summit and ADMM-Plus and welcomed Canada's active participation as an Observer in the ADMM-Plus Expert Working Groups on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) and on Maritime Security (MS) for the 2024-2027 cycle, as well as Canada's potential participation as an observer in the upcoming Expanded ASEAN Maritime Forum (EAMF).
60. The Meeting expressed satisfaction with Canada's effective support for the implementation of the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on Women, Peace and Security WPS through the 'Empowering Women for Sustainable Peace: Preventing Violence and Promoting Social Cohesion in ASEAN – Advancing WPS in ASEAN project, which recently concluded in December 2025, and participation at the Special Roundtable on "Women, Peace and Security - Digital Inclusion for Sustainable Peace" during the ASEAN Future Forum in Hanoi, Viet Nam in February 2025.

61. The Meeting expressed satisfaction about the full implementation of the ASEAN-Canada Joint Declaration on Trade and Investment (JDTI) Work Plan 2021-2025, and welcomed the adoption of the JDTI Work Plan 2026-2030 at the 14th ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM)-Canada Consultation in September 2025. The Meeting further noted progress in the first year of implementation of the JDTI Work Plan 2026-2030, including in the areas of digital economy and artificial intelligence, energy cooperation, food security, agriculture and agri-food, infrastructure, sustainable investment, and business-to-business linkages.
62. The Meeting recalled that Canada co-chaired the ARF Workshop to Recognise 25 Years of Women, Peace and Security in March 2025 alongside Australia and Viet Nam, and commended Canada's support for the second ASEAN Summit on WPS in Kuala Lumpur in September 2025. The Meeting further underscored the value of deepening ASEAN-Canada cooperation to advance shared objectives on gender equality and the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda through practical and impactful initiatives that strengthen resilience and support sustainable development across the region.
63. The Meeting welcomed the establishment of the Programme Management Team (PMT) for the ASEAN-Canada Plan of Action Trust Fund (ACPOATF) Development Cooperation Programme, hosted at the ASEAN Headquarters/ASEAN Secretariat, and expressed appreciation for Canada's continued support in operationalising initiatives through the Trust Fund. The Meeting recognised with appreciation that the PMT would strengthen the effective, coordinated, and timely management, implementation, visibility and monitoring of projects funded under the ACPOATF in support of the implementation of the ASEAN-Canada POA. The Meeting looked forward to the continued successful delivery of activities under the Programme, which would further deepen the ASEAN-Canada Strategic Partnership and contribute to ASEAN Community-building efforts.
64. The Meeting reaffirmed Canada's commitment to strengthening collaboration with ASEAN as a reliable trading partner, to address global security threats and enhance economic security and supply-chain resilience. The Meeting committed to work together to support trade diversification and economic cooperation for the benefit of both ASEAN and Canada's economies.
65. The Meeting noted Canada's increased engagement in regional energy security and connectivity, including Canada's CAD 2 million contribution to the ASEAN Power Grid through the Asian Development Bank's Regional Connectivity Fund, as well as support through the ACPOATF for the project

“Study on Driving Decarbonization for ASEAN Competitiveness: Deploying Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) for Industrial Hubs in ASEAN,” to be implemented by the ASEAN Centre for Energy.

66. The Meeting noted Canada’s support through ACPOATF for the “CANSAFE: Canada-ASEAN Exchange for Safer Food Systems and Agricultural Trade Opportunities” project, which will strengthen cooperation on food safety, agricultural standards and sanitary and phytosanitary measures, support capacity building and knowledge exchange, and contribute to more resilient, sustainable and trade facilitative agri-food systems in ASEAN.
67. Furthermore, the Meeting took note of Canada’s co-chairing of the OECD Southeast Asia Regional Programme with the Philippines until 2028, backed by a CAD 2 million contribution supporting private sector development, sustainable infrastructure, resilient supply chains, and responsible business conduct.
68. The Meeting welcomed the convening of the Inaugural ASEAN-Canada Strategic Dialogue in June 2026 with a focus on energy security and looked forward to continued cooperation in line with the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC).
69. The Meeting welcomed the progress of the ASEAN-Canada Free Trade Agreement (ACAFTA) negotiations, and underscored that a commercially meaningful ACAFTA would set a strong foundation for rules-based trade between ASEAN and Canada and contribute effectively to sustainable growth and development. The Meeting welcomed the progress in ongoing negotiations and looked forward to the conclusion of the ACAFTA this year.
70. The Meeting further noted that the ACPOATF continues to support ASEAN’s Least Developed Countries (LDCs) including Timor-Leste as observer, for their in-person participation in the ACAFTA negotiations which has been instrumental in promoting inclusivity, enabling the full participation of all ASEAN Member States and advancing the negotiations in a more balanced and substantive manner. The Meeting acknowledged that Canada’s support for these activities contributes to the implementation of the IAI Work Plan V (2026–2030).
71. The Meeting acknowledged Canada’s technical assistance delivered through complementary mechanisms, including the Canadian Trade and Investment Facility for Development and the Expert Deployment Mechanism (EDM). The Meeting noted that Canada has delivered targeted trade-related technical

assistance across several ASEAN Member States in areas such as regulatory reform, competitiveness and inclusive trade participation.

72. The Meeting also noted Canada's commitment of CAD 25 million to establish a dedicated ACAFTA Fund to support the ACAFTA Economic and Technical Cooperation (ECOTECH) activities, which reflects Canada's strong support for the effective implementation of ACAFTA and provides an important additional avenue to advance practical cooperation in areas of mutual interest.
73. The Meeting welcomed the launch of Canada's Scholarships and Educational Exchanges for Development – Phase 2 (SEED-2) in January 2026, which provides students from all eleven ASEAN Member States with the opportunity for short-term study or exchange opportunities in Canada in areas that contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals agenda and strengthens people-to-people ties between Canada and the Indo-Pacific region, facilitated through institutional collaborations between post-secondary institutions in Canada and partner institutions in ASEAN Member States. The Meeting commended the achievement of the SEED scholarship program, which has now supported more than one thousand students from ASEAN member states to study in Canada since 2018.
74. The Meeting noted Canada's longstanding cooperation in strengthening regional health security through the Mitigation of Biological Threats (MBT) Programme since, in strengthening regional capabilities to prevent, detect and respond to all types of biological threats, whether natural, accident or deliberate in origin. The Meeting noted the Phase III implementation of the MBT Programme which focuses on strengthening laboratories, biosafety, and biosecurity; enhancing regional health security emergencies preparedness and response; strengthening disease surveillance, field epidemiology, and health security intelligence; and enhancing and sustaining the health-security interface operation of ASEAN. The Meeting further commended Canada's sustained support to the operationalisation of the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Strengthening Regional Biosafety and Biosecurity adopted at the ASEAN Leader's Summit in 2024. The Meeting also noted with appreciation Canada's support to the operationalisation of the ACPHEED.
75. The Meeting appreciated Canada's support, through the ACPOATF, on the development of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Development Outlook Volume 2 (ADO Vol. 2), which will focus on digitalisation's impact on society in Southeast Asia. The Meeting noted that the ADO Vol. 2 is expected to provide the ASEAN Member States and relevant stakeholders with a comprehensive assessment of the key human security risks associated with digitalisation in the region, including the digital divide, cybercrime, misinformation and disinformation, and

the specific threat of online scams, leading to actionable policy recommendations and strategies for prevention, protection, and regional collaboration.

76. The Meeting welcomed the establishment of regular consultations between Canada and the ASEAN Digital Senior Officials' Meeting (ADGSOM), which was endorsed by the ASEAN Digital Ministers in January 2026, and welcomed progress towards the ongoing development of a 2027 work plan for potential cooperation in areas including artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and competitive digital markets. This work is complemented by Canada's funding through the ACPOATF of the project "ASEAN-Canada Artificial Intelligence (AI) Connect: Partnership with Canada on Responsible AI Governance."
77. The Meeting acknowledged Canada's continued support for initiatives that promote resilience of ASEAN Member States to combat cybercrime, such as the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI)-funded project in 2025-26 entitled Project CYBER-HOPE: Strengthening ASEAN Efforts to Prevent Cyber-Enabled Human Trafficking and Establish a Regional Human Protection Network, which helped combat cyber-enabled human trafficking in ASEAN. The Meeting warmly welcomed further collaboration on the topic of combatting and addressing cyber-enabled fraud operations.
78. The Meeting acknowledged Canada's continued support in the protection and promotion of migrant workers' rights through the development of the *Regional Study on Labour Market Reintegration for Returned Migrant Workers in the ASEAN Region*, supported by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), and the new project "*Enhancing Regular Pathways in ASEAN through Fair and Ethical Recruitment and Sustainable Reintegration of Migrant Workers (FAIR ASEAN)*" to be supported through the ASEAN-Canada Plan of Action Trust Fund. The Meeting appreciated the support of Canada, through the Trade, Labour, and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work in South-East Asia (FPRW) Project, to the development of the *ASEAN Roadmap for the Prevention of Child Labour Including Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour by 2035* and the *ASEAN Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health for the Informal Sector*.
79. The Meeting underscored that gender equality, women's empowerment and social inclusion are integral to the realisation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and its Strategic Plans. The Meeting welcomed Canada's continued engagement and interest in supporting ASEAN's priorities in these areas. The Meeting noted with satisfaction Canada's support in 2025, through the CFLI, for the project led by the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and

Protection of the Rights of Women and Children, through the ASEAN Secretariat, which produced the *ASEAN Guidance Note on Disability Inclusion in Violence Against Women and Girls Policies and Programmes*, establishing tailored standards for preventing and responding to violence against women and girls with disabilities, while promoting inclusive policies through regional consultation and shared national progress.

80. The Meeting appreciated Canada's continued support to the AADMER Work Programme 2026-2030 to advance ASEAN's disaster management, particularly through the ongoing projects, with ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre), including ASEAN Protection, Resilience, and Inclusion for Multi-Hazard Emergencies Project (ASEAN-PRIME), and Building Regional Resilience through Anticipatory Action and Civil Society Empowerment (ASEAN-BRACE), which supports and maintains regional capacities and improve coordination in disaster preparedness and management across ASEAN.
81. The Meeting noted that 2027 will mark the 50th anniversary of ASEAN-Canada Dialogue Relations and welcomed collaborative initiatives to strengthen cooperation and mark this milestone between ASEAN and Canada to further elevate the ASEAN-Canada Strategic Partnership to a greater height.

China

82. The ASEAN PMC with China was co-chaired by Malaysia and China.
83. The Meeting noted with satisfaction the good progress under the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-China Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2026-2030). The Meeting underlined the significance of the 5th anniversary of the ASEAN-China CSP and welcomed mutually agreed commemorative activities to mark this important milestone.
84. The Meeting acknowledged China's active efforts to advance ASEAN-China cooperation, including China's vision to build an ASEAN-China community, and appreciated China's initiative to build a peaceful, safe, secure, beautiful prosperous homeland.
85. ASEAN appreciates China as the first Dialogue Partner to accede to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) on 8 October 2003 in Bali, Indonesia. As 2026 marks the 50th anniversary of the Treaty, we reaffirm the importance of the TAC for maintaining regional peace and stability and emphasise the importance for High Contracting Parties to fulfil the

obligations under the Treaty, guided by its fundamental principles.

86. The Meeting noted China's efforts in promoting global governance and welcomed the Global Governance Initiative underpinned by five core concepts including sovereign equality, international rule of law, multilateralism, people-centered approach, and real action, with the aim to build a more just and equitable global governance system.
87. In light of the situation in the Middle East and its far-reaching implications for regional peace, security, stability, and energy security, the Meeting adopted *the ASEAN-China Foreign Ministers' Joint Statement on the Middle East Situation and Regional Energy Cooperation*.
88. The Meeting underscored the importance of the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) in its entirety. The Meeting was pleased with the sustained positive momentum in the ongoing negotiations on the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC) and, in this regard, welcomed the significant progress achieved so far. The Meeting looked forward to the continued efforts of the ASEAN-China Joint Working Group on the Implementation of the DOC (JWG-DOC), with guidance from the ASEAN-China Senior Officials' Meeting on the Implementation of the DOC (SOM-DOC) as necessary, in endeavouring to conclude the negotiation of an effective and substantive COC that is in accordance with international law, particularly the 1982 UNCLOS, within this year.
89. Some ASEAN Member States welcomed China's willingness to sign the Protocol to the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone without reservations, which welcomes any NWS that are willing to sign and ratify the Protocol to the SEANWFZ Treaty without reservations and provide prior formal assurance of this commitment in writing to go ahead with the signing.
90. The Meeting commended China's continued defence engagements in the ADMM-Plus, including through its co-chairmanship of the EWG on Peacekeeping Operations with Brunei Darussalam for the 2024-2027 cycle.
91. The Meeting called for the effective implementation of the ASEAN-China Foreign Ministers' Joint Statement on Strengthening Humanitarian Mine Action Cooperation. The Meeting commended the continued defence engagements through the ADMM-Plus and acknowledged China's contribution to the work of the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC)

and the ADMM-Plus EWG on Humanitarian Mine Action to address the danger of explosive remnants of war (ERW) in ASEAN.

92. The Meeting welcomed joint efforts in addressing escalating threats posed by cybercrime and online scams and practical activities under the ASEAN Plus China Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC + China) Consultation mechanism that had contributed to the implementation of the ASEAN-China Joint Statement on Combatting Telecommunication Network Fraud and Online Gambling. The Meeting encouraged more ASEAN countries to join the International Alliance Combating Telecom and Cyber Fraud. The Meeting also encouraged stronger partnership and collaboration through ASEAN Plus China Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters (ASOD + China) Consultation in supporting ASEAN's efforts to address illicit drug challenges in the region.
93. The Meeting acknowledged China's continued political-security engagement with ASEAN including through its active participation in the ARF, EAS, ADMM-Plus and continued cooperation in combating transnational crime under the ASEAN Plus China Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC + China) Consultation mechanism particularly through the implementation of concrete and meaningful initiatives as guided by the SOMTC + China Work Plan on Cooperation to Combat Transnational Crime (2024-2028).
94. The Meeting welcomed the signing of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) 3.0 Upgrade Protocol, which enhances trade facilitation commitments of the Parties and expands cooperation into emerging areas, including the digital economy, green economy, supply chain connectivity, competition, consumer protection, and support for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). The Meeting looked forward to the early entry into force and effective implementation of the ACFTA 3.0 Upgrade Protocol, with a view to further strengthening regional economic resilience and promoting inclusive growth.
95. The Meeting also looked forward to continued efforts towards enhancing market access and further liberalising traffic rights under the ASEAN-China Air Transport Agreement (AC-ATA), with a view to further strengthening regional connectivity, facilitating trade and investment, and deepening economic cooperation and people-to-people exchanges between ASEAN Member States and China.
96. The Meeting agreed to continue discussion on exploring a partnership on blue economy between ASEAN and China, as envisaged in the ASEAN-China

Strategic Partnership Vision 2030, with a view to promoting sustainable marine development, while noting China's proposal for a joint statement on the establishment of blue economy partnership, as outcome document of the 29th ASEAN-China Summit.

97. The Meeting appreciated China's support for ASEAN's energy transition efforts through the APAEC 2016–2025, the cooperation between ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) and the ASEAN-China Clean Energy Cooperation Centre, as well as its support for ASEAN's low-carbon transition. The Meeting also welcomed China to support ASEAN's ongoing efforts to accelerate the establishment of the APG, including through capacity-building and infrastructure development initiatives.
98. The Meeting looked forward to enhancing cooperation with China to harness opportunities arising from the ASEAN DEFA and advance regional digital integration.
99. The Meeting noted the importance of strengthening the exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China in the field of Digital and AI. In this regard, the Meeting noted the establishment of the AI Application Cooperation Centre and AI Collaborative Innovation Centre and looked forward to the establishment of the ASEAN-China Digital Economy Academy and ASEAN-China AI Industry Innovation Centre within this year to enhance exchanges in digital and ICT infrastructure, open-source technologies, and digital security.
100. The Meeting underscored the importance of strengthening the exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China in the field of AI, and noted China's proposal to designate the year of 2027 as ASEAN-China Year of AI Cooperation. The Meeting noted China's proposal to adopt the China–ASEAN “ AI+ ” Action Initiative by the 29th ASEAN-China Summit. The Meeting commended China's efforts to promote global AI governance, and noted the successful convening of the World AI Conference 2026 in Shanghai from 17 to 20 July, and encouraged more ASEAN countries to join the World AI Cooperation Organization.
101. The Meeting looked forward to promoting closer people-to-people connectivity, recognising its vital role in deepening cultural ties and fostering greater interaction and friendship between ASEAN and China including through culture, education, youth, sports, tourism, and TVET, and noted China's proposal to establish the ASEAN-China Tourism Ministers' Meeting as a platform to enhance tourism cooperation and the formal establishment of the ASEAN-China Education Ministers' Meeting as a platform to enhance

education cooperation. The Meeting also looked further in strengthening cooperation on sports through the ASEAN Plus China Ministerial Meeting on Sports mechanism. The Meeting appreciated the Global Civilization Initiative put forward by China and encouraged more dialogues and exchanges among different civilizations to improve mutual understanding and trust.

102. The Meeting looked forward to deepening ASEAN-China cooperation across culture and information sectors, encompassing media and film exchanges, digital transformation, cultural heritage, and cultural and creative industries, including through the potential development of a new ASEAN Plus China Work Plan on Cooperation in Culture and Arts (2026-2030) and ASEAN Plus China Work Plan on Cooperation in Information and Media (2026-2030).
103. The Meeting welcomed China's proposal to establish an ASEAN-China Network of Academies on Governance and Public Administration and Think-tanks (NAGPAT), which was welcomed by the ASEAN Cooperation on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM) and looked forward to receiving the proposed terms of reference for consideration. The Meeting also appreciated China's strong commitment to expanding scholarships and exchange programmes for ASEAN students, and welcomed the approval of the ASEAN-China Young Leaders' Scholarship (2025-2031) Programme. The Meeting acknowledged this renewed commitment as China's continued partnership with ASEAN in advancing human capital development and regional integration through education.
104. The Meeting acknowledged the implementation of cooperation areas for 2025-2026 and the operationalisation of the ASEAN-China Women and Children's Health Cooperation Center (ACWCC) through the establishment of the ACWCC Secretariat and coordination mechanism, and the commitment to execute practical areas of cooperation, sharing development experience to improve maternal, newborn, women and children's health, reproductive care and nutrition.
105. The Meeting acknowledged China for the progress made under the ASEAN-China Environment Cooperation Strategy 2021-2025, which has played a pivotal role in promoting regional partnership and advancing collaborative responses to tackle shared environmental challenges. The Meeting welcomed stronger collaboration with China in addressing climate change, air, water, and soil pollution, and other environmental issues.
106. The Meeting noted the continued support from China on the cooperation on social welfare, poverty reduction and development, particularly in promoting the inclusion of people living in vulnerable situations, especially older persons,

through the implementation of the Capacity-Building Training on Response to Ageing among APT Countries, among others. The Meeting noted China's proposal for a joint statement on cooperation in poverty reduction and development, as the outcome document of the 29th ASEAN-China Summit.

107. The Meeting welcomed the ongoing implementation of the ASEAN-China Workplan on Disaster Management to contribute to strengthening regional disaster resilience and the ongoing implementation of the Disaster Management Cooperation Project, which focuses on the following components: human resources training; consultation and command systems for disaster relief and response; and information and communication technology support. The Meeting further noted the ongoing implementation of the Cash Assistance Agreement between the AHA Centre and the Government of the People's Republic of China to support recovery efforts in Myanmar, including the reconstruction of schools for communities affected by the magnitude-7.7 Mandalay earthquake in 2025. The Meeting also looked forward to the finalisation and adoption of the ASEAN–China Work Plan on Disaster Management 2026–2030 by the ASEAN–China Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management.
108. The Meeting noted China's continued support for ASEAN's sub-regional development through ASEAN-approved sub-regional mechanisms, including in the Mekong area, as well as the BIMP-EAGA.
109. The Meeting encouraged the effective implementation of the ASEAN-China Agreement on Technical Cooperation as a framework to strengthen human and institutional capacity and promote technical cooperation, with a view to enhancing mutual trust and confidence between ASEAN and China.
110. The Meeting emphasized the important role of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) to implement the consensus of the leaders of the two sides and synergize the strategies of both sides, and welcomed the ACC's efforts to promote ASEAN-China practical cooperation in trade, investment, education, culture, creative industry, tourism as well as information and media.

European Union

111. The ASEAN PMC with the EU was co-chaired by Brunei Darussalam and the EU.
112. The Meeting welcomed the progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-EU Strategic Partnership (2023-2027), and looked forward to discussions on the successor to the ASEAN-EU POA (2023-2027) focused on practical, tangible, sustainable and mutually beneficial cooperation.
113. The Meeting looked forward to the 50th anniversary of ASEAN-EU Dialogue Relations in 2027, and welcomed ongoing discussions on the ASEAN-EU Commemorative Summit, and looked forward to ensuring meaningful, substantive, and mutually beneficial outcomes for the Summit. The meeting also looked forward to receiving the EU's formal proposal to upgrade relations to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP).
114. The Meeting recalled the convening of the 25th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting (AEMM) on 27-28 April 2026 in Bandar Seri Begawan, and encouraged both sides to realise the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 25th AEMM, including efforts to advance practical cooperation under the AOIP and the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific in a complementary manner. ASEAN and the EU reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening ASEAN-EU Dialogue Relations and undertaking more tangible, practical and mutually beneficial initiatives to advance the Strategic Partnership, towards the intention to establish a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, as well as shared commitment to multilateralism and the rules-based international order.
115. The Meeting welcomed continued political security cooperation between both sides including through the EU's active participation in the ARF in combatting transnational crime under the ASEAN Plus EU Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC + EU) Consultation framework, particularly through the implementation of practical activities as guided by the ASEAN-EU Work Plan to Combat Terrorism and Transnational Crime (2022-2027). The Meeting encouraged more cooperation in intelligence sharing, technical assistance, capacity-building and law enforcement collaboration to respond to this shared challenge.
116. ASEAN welcomed the continued cooperation with the EU including through the conduct of ASEAN–EU Policy Dialogues on Human Rights, as well as support for the work of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human

Rights (AICHR). The Meeting acknowledged the convening of the 9th Interface of AICHR with the EU last 22 May 2026 during the 43rd Meeting of the Commission in the ASEAN Headquarters/ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia, and looked forward to the conduct of the 7th ASEAN-EU Policy Dialogue on Human Rights next year.

117. The Meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment to strengthening ASEAN-EU trade and economic relations through exploring more concrete sectoral cooperation in areas of mutual interest, which could serve as building blocks toward an eventual ASEAN-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA), while leveraging existing bilateral FTAs between ASEAN Member States and the EU, and encouraging their expansion to more ASEAN Member States.
118. The Meeting welcomed the endorsement of the ASEAN-EU Trade and Investment Work Programme (TIWP) 2026-2027 at the 21st AEM-EU Trade Commissioner Consultation, held in September 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, which covers a wide range of economic cooperation priorities, and looked forward to its effective implementation.
119. The Meeting looked forward to the timely finalisation of the ASEAN-EU Digital Trade Principles, which would serve as a foundation for both sides to strengthen their partnership cooperation, including in digital transformation, paperless trade, online consumer protection, and cybersecurity. The Meeting also looked forward to exploring stronger cooperation with the EU in digital trade, AI and other emerging technologies to support innovation, enhance regional competitiveness, and strengthen digital connectivity.
120. The Meeting welcomed joint efforts to promote ASEAN-EU connectivity and advance green initiatives, including through the Global Gateway flagship cooperation programmes namely the EU-ASEAN Green Team Europe Initiative, including the Transition to a Regional Circular Economy (ASEAN-EU GTEI CE) project. ASEAN appreciated the EU's support under the SCOPE-Investment Facility (SCOPE-IF) project and welcomed the EU's support for relevant key regional initiatives such as the ASEAN Power Grid (APG), and looked forward to continued cooperation on issues, such as multilateral and cross-border electricity trading, critical underwater infrastructure, submarine power cable development, renewable energy, energy efficiency, low-carbon technologies, and sustainable finance.
121. The meeting noted the work of the Joint Working Group (JWG) on Palm Oil between the EU and Relevant ASEAN Member States, and the voluntary attendance of Member States at the JWG's Meetings, to promote mutual understanding on the sustainable production of vegetable oils and addressing

challenges in this sector in a holistic, transparent, and non-discriminatory manner.

122. The Meeting welcomed continued cooperation to deepen ASEAN-EU people-to-people connectivity, including through the SCOPE Higher Education (SCOPE-HE) Programme (2024-2028) and noted that Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Scholarships continue to facilitate people-to-people exchanges and strengthen human capital development ties between both regions. Establishing an ASEAN centre in the EU would be a crucial asset in promoting ASEAN-EU people-to-people connectivity.
123. The Meeting agreed that efforts to enhance the sustainable connectivity of transport systems in the region, building on the ongoing projects under the Sustainable Connectivity Package and in line with the ASEAN Transport Sectoral Plan 2026-2030 should also be a priority.
124. The Meeting acknowledged the EU's support for ASEAN's labour and employment initiatives, including the development of the *2nd edition ASEAN Employment Outlook*, and the *ASEAN Declaration on the Placement and Protection of Migrant Fishers and its Guidelines* and the *ASEAN Guidelines on Strengthening Labour Inspection in the Fishing Sector*, as well as workshops on employers' education and fair and ethical recruitment practices. The Meeting looked forward to cooperation to promote sustainable employment.
125. The Meeting welcomed the strengthening of ASEAN-EU disaster management cooperation and appreciated the EU's support for the AHA Centre through the Integrated Programme in Enhancing the Capacity of the AHA Centre and ASEAN Emergency Response Mechanisms (EU-SAHA), which has supported activities such as the ASEAN Regional Disaster Simulation Exercise in Phnom Penh and the Strategic Policy Dialogue on Disaster Management in Singapore in 2025, as well as the development of the ASEAN Joint Disaster Response Plan.
126. The Meeting welcomed the strengthening of ASEAN-EU cooperation on gender equality and women's empowerment, including through the implementation of the Study on Women's Political Participation and Leadership (WPPL). The Meeting recognised the value of ASEAN-EU collaboration in advancing women's meaningful participation and leadership as a key element of inclusive and sustainable development, in line with *ASEAN Community Vision 2045: Our Shared Future*.

127. The Meeting appreciated the EU's continued cooperation with ASEAN in the areas of environment and climate change and looked forward to the convening of the Second ASEAN-EU Ministerial Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change planned in 2027, to complement the timely implementation of the ASEAN-EU Green Team Europe Initiative.
128. The Meeting agreed on the importance of addressing the challenges of energy security, notably through promoting sustainable energy transition and electrification.
129. The Meeting underlined that enhancing cooperation on science, technology and innovation should be a priority for ASEAN and the EU.

India

130. The ASEAN PMC with India was co-chaired by the Philippines and India.
131. The Meeting noted with satisfaction the progress made in implementing the Plan of Action (POA) to Implement the ASEAN–India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2026–2030). Building on the strong achievements of previous POAs, cooperation has advanced across all three pillars of the ASEAN Community, with steady progress during the first six months of implementation. The Meeting looked forward to the effective implementation of the POA and the ASEAN–India Joint Statements adopted at previous ASEAN–India Summits in support of *ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future*.
132. The Meeting noted continued cooperation to combat transnational crime under the ASEAN Plus India Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC + India) Consultation. The Meeting further noted cooperation in peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR), security of and in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs), and maritime security. The Meeting also recognised the ASEAN Plus India Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters (ASOD + India) Consultation as a platform for advancing dialogue and practical cooperation to address illicit drug challenges in the region. The Meeting acknowledged that the cyber-enabled fraud represents a shared security concern that demands our collective action.
133. The Meeting commended India's continued defence engagements in the ADMM–Plus, including its co-chairmanship of the ADMM–Plus EWG on Counter-Terrorism with Malaysia for the 2024–2027 cycle. The Meeting discussed enhanced cooperation in military medicine through trainings, exercises and stakeholder agency consultations.

134. The Meeting noted that maritime cooperation continues to gain traction with the designation of 2026 as the ASEAN–India Year of Maritime Cooperation. The Meeting looked forward to the 2nd ASEAN–India Maritime Exercise, tentatively scheduled for 26 September–2 October 2026 in Zambales, the Philippines, as well as the 7th EAS Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation and the EAS Maritime Heritage Festival in Gujarat, India. The Meeting also looked forward to the finalisation of the *Work Plan to Celebrate 2026 as the ASEAN–India Year of Maritime Cooperation*.
135. The Meeting emphasised the importance of strengthening ASEAN–India economic relations, including through the ongoing Review of the ASEAN–India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA), and encouraged continued efforts to make the Agreement balanced, mutually beneficial, and trade-facilitative, and responsive to current regional and global challenges. The Meeting noted continued engagement with the ASEAN–India Business Council (AIBC), including its participation in consultations with AEM and India.
136. The Meeting noted continued progress in ASEAN–India cooperation in science, technology and innovation through initiatives promoting research collaboration, capacity-building, innovation, and human resource development, including the ASEAN–India Collaborative Research and Development (AICRD) Programme, ASEAN–India Research Training Fellowship (AIRTF), ASEAN–India Women Scientists’ Conclave, the ASEAN–India Scale Hub, and the ASEAN–India Space Cooperation Programme. Under the ongoing ASEAN–India Space Cooperation Programme, the Meeting looked forward to expediting ground station-related work in Viet Nam and Indonesia, as well as advancing cooperation in remote sensing satellites.
137. The Meeting emphasised the importance of continued engagement through the ASEAN Digital Ministers’ Meeting Plus India (ADGMIN + India), including in implementing the ASEAN–India Joint Statement on Advancing Digital Transformation adopted in 2024, particularly in the areas of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), digital transformation and skills, artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, and innovation across the region. The Meeting also noted the continued implementation of activities under the ASEAN–India Fund for Digital Future (AIFDF).
138. The Meeting welcomed the continued growth of ASEAN–India tourism cooperation and recalled the successful implementation of the ASEAN–India Year of Tourism in 2025, including activities aimed at promoting tourism destinations, strengthening professional exchanges, and enhancing tourism

cooperation. The Meeting further encouraged both sides to advance practical initiatives, including joint destination marketing, enhanced connectivity, capacity-building, and the promotion of sustainable and digitally enabled tourism, in line with the ASEAN Tourism Sectoral Plan (2026–2030).

139. The Meeting appreciated India's support for the ASEAN education sector through the ASEAN–India Network of Universities (AINU) – Faculty Exchange Programme (FEP) and the Scholarship for Students from ASEAN Countries pursuing PhD, Master's, and Postgraduate Diploma Programmes at Nalanda University, and welcomed India's extension of the Nalanda University Scholarship Programme for the 2026 and 2027 academic years. The Meeting also encouraged the expansion of scholarship opportunities in emerging fields, inter alia, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), computer science, data science, and space science and technology.
140. The Meeting appreciated India's continued support for ASEAN's health sector and the ongoing initiative to invite representatives from ASEAN Member States to participate in the Annual National Cancer Grid Meeting in India.
141. The Meeting appreciated India's continued support for promoting awareness of ASEAN through *The ASEAN Magazine* (Phase 4), which will continue to highlight key regional issues and efforts to address them. The Magazine will also feature the implementation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and progress towards achieving its four Strategic Plans.
142. The Meeting encouraged enhanced disaster management cooperation, including through the implementation of the Memorandum of Intent between the AHA Centre and the National Disaster Management Authority of India.
143. The Meeting appreciated India's continued support for strengthening cultural and media exchanges through media and journalists' visits, music festivals, art camps, and exhibitions, including through the ASEAN-India Media Exchange Programme and ASEAN-India Artist's Camp and Exhibition, as well as ongoing deliberations on the feasibility study of an envisaged ASEAN Cultural Heritage List to safeguard and promote the region's most valued cultural heritage assets.
144. The Meeting encouraged India to further deepen its engagement across all ASEAN pillars through ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, ministerial processes, ASEAN-led mechanisms, sub-regional arrangements, and Track 2 platforms, including through participation in the Third ASEAN Think-Tank Summit in September this year.

145. The Meeting reaffirmed both sides' commitment to deepening engagement with the ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN) and ASEAN Centres of Excellence.
146. The Meeting commended India's continued commitment to ASEAN Connectivity and encouraged collaboration in support of the implementation of the ACSP (2026–2035), in line with India's Act East Policy and the "Connecting the Connectivities" approach. The Meeting further called for the timely completion of the India–Myanmar–Thailand Trilateral Highway and its proposed extension to Lao PDR, Cambodia, and Viet Nam.
147. The Meeting noted that 2027 will mark the 35th anniversary of ASEAN–India relations and encouraged both sides to leverage the milestone to strengthen cooperation and further enhance the partnership.

Japan

148. The ASEAN PMC with Japan was co-chaired by Singapore and Japan.
149. The Meeting welcomed the significant progress in the Implementation Plan of the Joint Vision Statement on ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation Trusted Partners and reaffirmed commitments to strengthening the ASEAN-Japan CSP in support of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045. The Meeting welcomed Japan's support for ASEAN Centrality and unity as well as the AOIP, which shares fundamental principles with Japan's updated FOIP announced in May. The Meeting reaffirmed its commitment to reinforce ASEAN-Japan partnership through enhanced practical cooperation and collaboration in the four priority areas of AOIP and noted Japan's further cooperation for advancing and mainstreaming the AOIP.
150. The Meeting reaffirmed commitment to continue enhancing cooperation on security issues of common interest, including transnational crime, cybersecurity, maritime security, through ASEAN-led mechanisms such as the ARF, EAS, ADMM-Plus, and EAMF. The Meeting also commended Japan's active engagement in the ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group (EWGs), including its current co-chairmanship of the ADMM-Plus EWG on Maritime Security (MS) with the Philippines for the 2024-2027 cycle. The Meeting acknowledged Japan's engagement through the ASEAN Plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC + Japan) Consultation and welcomed Japan's initiative to support ASEAN's effort in addressing online scams as part of the implementation of the ASEAN Plus Japan Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC + Japan) Work Plan on Cooperation to Combat Transnational Crime (2023-2027). The Meeting

encouraged Japan's support in combatting illicit drugs in the region, particularly under the framework of the ASEAN Plus Japan Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters (ASOD + Japan) Consultation.

151. The Meeting welcomed progress in defence cooperation and encouraged Japan to strengthen cooperation with ASEAN. The Meeting acknowledged Japan's efforts to enhance capacity-building of ASEAN Member States through Japan's Vientiane Vision 2.0: Japan's Defense Cooperation Initiative with ASEAN and Japan-ASEAN Ministerial Initiative for Enhanced Defense Cooperation (JASMINE). The Meeting appreciated Japan's regular conducting of the Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum, which helps to facilitate strategic dialogue amongst ASEAN and Japan's Defence Senior Officials. The Meeting also appreciated Japan's support in addressing Chemical, Biological and Radiological (CBR) threats in the region in collaboration with the Network of ASEAN CBR Defence Experts.
152. The Meeting welcomed Japan's efforts to strengthen cooperation with the AICHR in the promotion and protection of human rights, and expressed appreciation for Japan's continued support for AICHR's priority programmes and activities. The Meeting acknowledged the convening of the 5th Interface of AICHR with Japan last 20 May 2026, held during the 43rd Meeting of the Commission in the ASEAN Headquarters/ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia.
153. The Meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment to enhancing cooperation in law and justice, including through the implementation of the ASEAN-Japan Work Plan on Law and Justice. The Meeting welcomed the agreement to convene the ASEAN-Japan Law Ministers' Meeting on a regular basis with the First ASEAN-Japan Law Ministers' Meeting held on 15 November 2025 in Manila.
154. The Meeting emphasised the importance of strengthening ASEAN-Japan trade and investment, particularly through the full, and effective implementation of the ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP) Agreement. The Meeting noted the ongoing discussion on the possible upgrade of the AJCEP Agreement to ensure that it remains relevant and responsive to future challenges. The Meeting also noted the ongoing initiatives and engagements led by the AEM-Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) Consultation, AEM-METI Economic and Industrial Cooperation Committee (AMEICC), Federation of Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry in ASEAN (FJCCIA), Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), ASEAN-Japan Business Council (AJBC), and

ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC), which have contributed to enhancing business-to-business cooperation and connectivity.

155. The Meeting welcomed the progress made in the “Future Design and Action Plan of Innovative and Sustainable ASEAN-Japan Economic Co-Creation 2023-2033” to realise the ASEAN-Japan Economic Co-Creation Vision, including the Master Plan of ASEAN-Japan Initiative for the Next-Generation Automotive Industry and the ASEAN-Japan Artificial Intelligence (AI) Innovation and Co-Creation Roadmap. The Meeting looked forward to deeper collaboration, especially in the areas of digital transformation, innovation, green growth, resilient and inclusive and sustainable supply chains, and human resource development.
156. The Meeting agreed to continue to strengthen Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) cooperation, including through initiatives such as the Networked Exchange, United Strength for Stronger Partnerships between Japan and ASEAN (NEXUS), Human Capacity Building for STI Coordination, and Improvement of Rice Paddy Area Statistics and Damage Assessment using Earth Observation Satellites for ASEAN.
157. The Meeting welcomed Japan’s support for the region’s digital transformation efforts, including the launch of the ASEAN-Japan Co-creation Initiative for AI. The Meeting looked forward to the advancement of concrete cooperation under this initiative, in such areas as development of AI models reflecting diverse languages and cultures, its applications in micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), cultivation of advanced AI talent, as well as AI safety and security. The Meeting encouraged Japan to engage with the ASEAN Working Group on AI Governance and to leverage the Hiroshima AI Process Friends’ Group and Partners’ Community to strengthen the region’s capacity in AI governance.
158. The Meeting affirmed the necessity of enhancing energy cooperation through practical pathways tailored to national circumstances in achieving energy security, sustainable economic growth, and addressing climate change simultaneously. The Meeting looked forward to collaboration with Japan through initiatives such as the Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC), ~~and~~ Asia Energy Transition Initiative, and the Partnership On Wide Energy and Resources Resilience Asia (POWERR Asia), which encompasses all efforts to ensure energy security and enhance economic resilience, including the strengthening of supply chains, and reaffirmed support realisation of the APG 2045 vision.

159. The Meeting underscored the significance of the ASEAN-Japan MIDORI Cooperation Plan and welcomed its revision at the Second Meeting of ASEAN-Japan Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry in October 2025, in strengthening resilient and sustainable agriculture and food systems to advance regional food security.
160. The Meeting expressed appreciation for Japan's support for the implementation of the ASEAN Blue Economy Framework and the ASEAN Blue Economy Implementation Plan (2026–2030), including through the ASEAN Blue Innovation Challenge (ABIC).
161. The Meeting welcomed Japan's continued support for strengthening regional connectivity under the Japan-ASEAN Comprehensive Connectivity Initiative. The Meeting looked forward to the successful conclusion of a more liberal and mutually beneficial ASEAN-Japan Air Services Agreement with a view to enhancing air connectivity between ASEAN Member States and Japan. The Meeting noted the progress of various projects and activities under the ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership (AJTP), aimed at enhancing regional connectivity and cooperation in the transport sector.
162. The Meeting welcomed Japan's active and continued support for the ASCN such as through the convening of the annual ASEAN-Japan Smart Cities Network High-Level Meeting that promotes dialogue and knowledge sharing between ASEAN and Japanese cities and private sector.
163. The Meeting appreciated Japan's continued support in narrowing the development gaps within the region and appreciated Japan's continued support through Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) for the IAI Attachment Programme at the ASEAN Secretariat, and Master's Degree Programme for the IAI Attachment Programme Graduates from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam and Timor-Leste (CLMV-TL) Countries.
164. The Meeting appreciated Japan's support for the development of the ASCC Strategic Plan and efforts in ensuring its effective implementation through communication and outreach initiatives through Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF).
165. The Meeting appreciated Japan's commitment to strengthening healthcare and welfare systems, including through the annual conduct of the ASEAN-Japan High-Level Officials Meeting (HLOM) on Caring Societies and the support for the 5-year Strategic Plan of ASEAN Centre for Active Ageing and Innovation (ACAI). The Meeting appreciated Japan's continued support for the establishment and operationalisation of the ACPHEED across the

three host ASEAN Member States. The meeting reaffirmed its commitment to finalising the ACPHEED Establishment Agreement at the earliest opportunity. The Meeting acknowledged the ASEAN Health Ministers' adoption of the proposed establishment of the ASEAN-Japan health dialogue channel and areas of cooperation. The Meeting further acknowledged Japan's valuable contributions to the operationalisation of the ASEAN Training Centre for Social Work and Social Welfare (ATCSW).

166. The Meeting welcomed the continued promotion of people-to-people and culture exchanges as well as cooperation in education and human resource development through various programmes, including the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS), MEXT Scholarship, the Global Network Project to Promote Study in Japan, Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Programme (SSEAYP), ASEAN-Japan Exchange Programme for Secondary School Teachers, ASEAN Human Educational Development Scholarship Partners Program (AHEAD50), ASEAN University/Southeast Asia Engineering Development Network (SEED-Net), Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0, Sakura Science Exchange Program, ASIA KAKEHASHI Project+ and exchanges facilitated by the ASEAN Council of Japan Alumni (ASCOJA) and Asia Japan Alumni (ASJA) International. The Meeting encouraged enhanced cooperation in TVET particularly through industry-focused training and internship opportunities in fields such as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and the creative economy. The Meeting appreciated Japan's support for the ASEAN Junior Fellowship Programme (AJFP).
167. The Meeting encouraged strengthened collaboration in the culture and arts sector, including through the proposed development of a new ASEAN Plus Japan Work Plan on Cooperation in Culture and Arts (2026-2030).
168. The Meeting appreciated Japan's support for the development of the ASEAN Work Plan for Information and Media 2026-2035, and the ASEAN Communication Master Plan III 2026-2030 (ACMP III) through Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF).
169. The Meeting welcomed the continued cooperation between ASEAN and Japan in advancing regional efforts on climate action and environmental sustainability. The Meeting further welcomed Japan's support and the progress made in the implementation of the Strategic Programme for ASEAN Climate and Environment (SPACE) in addressing the triple global crisis of climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss in the region. The Meeting appreciated Japan's support for the development of the ASEAN Climate

Change Strategic Action Plan 2025-2030 (ACCSAP) and welcomed continued support for its effective implementation to achieve the ASEAN Climate Vision 2050.

170. The Meeting acknowledged Japan as a strong and long-standing supporter of ASEAN in strengthening disaster management and risk reduction. The Meeting looked forward to the adoption of the ASEAN-Japan Work Plan on Disaster Management 2026-2030. The Meeting further appreciated Japan's support, through the AHA centre, for the strengthening of the Disaster Emergency Logistics System for ASEAN (DELSA), the ASEAN Emergency, the ASEAN Emergency Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT) and the AHA Centre Executive Leadership in Emergency and Disaster Management Programme (ACE-LEDMP) by tapping on Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF), which have greatly contributed to the recent disaster responses including earthquakes, typhoons and floods. The Meeting appreciated Japan's continuous support in the provision of humanitarian assistance to Myanmar through the AHA Centre to implement Point 4 of the Five-Point Consensus.
171. The Meeting looked forward to further strengthening cooperation on sports through the ASEAN Plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Sports. The Meeting also welcomed the implementation of initiatives based on the Chiang Mai Declaration on Strengthening ASEAN-Japan Cooperation on Sports towards 2030 including initiatives such as Sport for Tomorrow, and the ASEAN-Japan Actions on Sports.
172. The Meeting acknowledged Japan's technical support in advancing the WPS agenda in the region through Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) and looked forward to further collaboration in implementing the ASEAN RPA WPS and its related work plans and initiatives.
173. The Meeting appreciated and encouraged further implementation of the projects under ASEAN-Japan Technical Cooperation Agreement (TCA) by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which would further contribute to the ASEAN Community building efforts across the pillars.

New Zealand

174. The ASEAN PMC with New Zealand was co-chaired by Viet Nam and New Zealand.
175. The Meeting welcomed the establishment of the ASEAN-New Zealand CSP in October 2025 and noted the good progress achieved in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Implement the CSP (2026–2030). The Meeting welcomed the operationalisation of the ASEAN-New Zealand Vision Fund as a key mechanism to advance practical cooperation under the POA and support *the ASEAN Community Vision 2045*.
176. The Meeting underscored the importance of maintaining peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific amid increasing geopolitical and economic uncertainties, including the ongoing crisis in the Middle East and its implications for energy security, supply chains, and economic stability. In this regard, the Meeting adopted the *ASEAN-New Zealand Ministers' Joint Statement on Strengthening Regional Resilience*.
177. The Meeting commended New Zealand's continued defence engagements in the ADMM-Plus, including through its co-chairmanship of the ADMM-Plus EWG on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) with Singapore for the 2024-2027 cycle.
178. The Meeting acknowledged continued political security engagement between ASEAN and New Zealand including through its active participation in the ARF, ADMM-Plus, and the EAMF. The Meeting further noted New Zealand's continued engagement through the ASEAN Plus New Zealand Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC + New Zealand) Consultation mechanism, as guided by the SOMTC + New Zealand Work Plan on Cooperation to Combat Transnational Crime (2023-2027).
179. The Meeting reaffirmed the importance of ASEAN-New Zealand economic integration, viewing the upgraded AANZFTA as a core pillar of regional stability and structural resilience. The Meeting underscored the necessity of optimising economic architecture to accelerate trade flows, drive investment momentum, and future-proof the region against global volatility. The Meeting welcomed New Zealand's continued support through the RT4D Facility.
180. The Meeting appreciated New Zealand's continued support for the ASEAN-New Zealand Trade Academy and welcomed continued cooperation on digital transformation, including support for the ASEAN DEFA, digital trade, e-invoicing initiatives, and emerging technologies.

181. The Meeting welcomed the progress made towards the conclusion of the ASEAN-New Zealand Air Services Agreement (ANZ-ASA) and looked forward to its full signing, early ratification, and effective implementation to further enhance connectivity, tourism, trade, investment, and people-to-people exchanges between ASEAN and New Zealand.
182. The Meeting also welcomed the convening of the ASEAN-New Zealand Forum on Sub-Regional Cooperation in Ha Noi in June 2026 and looked forward to further collaboration in support of the IAI Work Plan V (2026-2030) and relevant sub-regional frameworks, with a view to promoting inclusive and balanced development across the region.
183. The Meeting reaffirmed that people-to-people ties remain at the heart of ASEAN-New Zealand relations. The Meeting welcomed the continued implementation of people-to-people initiatives, including the Young ASEAN Diplomats Study Tour, the Young Trade and Economic Officials Study Tour, and the Young Business Leaders Initiative (YBLI). The Meeting also welcomed the launch of the ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue Relations Fellowship Programme, which will further strengthen institutional linkages and facilitate knowledge exchange between ASEAN and New Zealand.
184. The Meeting appreciated the continued implementation of New Zealand's Manaaki New Zealand Scholarships Programme (MNZSP), including tertiary scholarships for ASEAN students, the English Language Training for Officials (ELTO) and thematic short-term training programmes. The Meeting welcomed expanded cooperation in STEM education, TVET, digital education, agri-tech, and human capital development, particularly in support of ASEAN's green, digital, and demographic transitions.
185. The Meeting recognised the importance of strengthening regional climate and economic resilience and welcomed New Zealand's continued support for the ACSDSD, the ACCC, and the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE).
186. The Meeting welcomed the ASEAN-New Zealand Climate Action Initiative and encouraged enhanced cooperation on climate change, sustainable finance, carbon markets, climate-smart agriculture, renewable energy, geothermal energy, biodiversity conservation, and the blue economy. The Meeting also welcomed New Zealand's continued support for ASEAN's efforts to advance a green, sustainable, and climate-resilient future.
187. The Meeting appreciated New Zealand's continued support for ASEAN disaster management through the *Strengthening Institutional Capacity of*

ASEAN in Disaster Management (SICAP II) Project, managed by the AHA Centre. The Meeting looked forward to New Zealand's further support for the implementation of AADMER Work Programme 2026-2030 to strengthen disaster resilience in the region.

188. The Meeting welcomed efforts to strengthen cooperation between ASEAN and the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) and looked forward to exploring practical collaboration in areas of mutual interest, including sustainable development, climate resilience, disaster management, the blue economy, and people-to-people exchanges. The Meeting also looked forward to the convening of the ASEAN-PIF Ministerial Dialogue this year.

Republic of Korea

189. The ASEAN PMC with the ROK was co-chaired by the Kingdom of Thailand and the ROK.
190. The Meeting acknowledged the continued momentum to advance the ASEAN-ROK CSP in alignment with the ASEAN Community Vision 2045. The Meeting noted with satisfaction the good progress in the first year of implementation of the Plan of Action (POA) to Implement the ASEAN-ROK CSP (2026-2030) and looked forward to the continued cooperation to effectively implement the POA. The Meeting welcomed the ROK's CSP (Contributor, Springboard, Partner) Vision to further advance the ASEAN-ROK CSP that is meaningful, substantive and mutually beneficial and expressed support for its effective implementation. The Meeting noted the ROK's intention to host an ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit in 2029 to mark the 40th anniversary of ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations.
191. The Meeting appreciated the ROK's contribution to ASEAN-related cooperation funds to support cooperation projects, including the ASEAN-ROK Cooperation Fund (AKCF), and looked forward to active, inclusive and effective implementation of further cooperation projects and initiatives.
192. The Meeting reaffirmed commitment to further strengthening cooperation in addressing non-traditional security challenges, including transnational crime, cybersecurity, and maritime security, through ASEAN-led mechanisms such as the ARF, EAS, ADMM-Plus, and the EAMF. The Meeting also welcomed the ROK's continued contribution to the Korea Project, through which it has supported SEAJust in further strengthening ASEAN-centred judicial cooperation and expanding linkages with relevant networks beyond the region. The Meeting encouraged the ROK to continue supporting ASEAN's efforts to enhance regional cybersecurity resilience and combat escalating

threats of cybercrime and online scams through projects such as the ASEAN Cyber Shield (ACS). The Meeting commended the ROK for encouraging cooperation between law enforcement agencies to combat online scams through the Korea-ASEAN Response and Enforcement against Scam-Related Crime (KARE) project and looked forward to its early commencement and implementation, including through support for the ASEAN-Singapore Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence (ASCCE) and the ASEAN Regional Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT). The Meeting acknowledged the ROK's continued engagements through the ASEAN Plus ROK Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC + ROK) Consultation mechanism, and the ASEAN Plus ROK Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC + ROK) as guided by the SOMTC + ROK Work Plan on Cooperation to Combat Transnational Crime (2026-2028). The Meeting also reaffirmed the commitment to further advance practical cooperation in combating illicit drugs, particularly under the framework of ASEAN Plus the ROK Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters (ASOD + ROK) Consultation.

193. The Meeting underscored the importance of strengthening cooperation in enhancing capacities in maritime law enforcement, maritime search and rescue, and marine environment protection through tailored training programmes. The Meeting appreciated the ROK's support in promoting maritime safety through the Korea-ASEAN Maritime Safety Academy (KAMSA) and looked forward to its effective implementation.
194. The Meeting welcomed the enhanced defence cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK, including through the ADMM-Plus. The Meeting appreciated the ROK's support for the ARMAC through its multi-year project, Enhance Victim Assistance Programme in the ASEAN Member States, successfully implemented from 2021-2025.
195. The Meeting welcomed the convening of the 2nd Interface between AICHR and ROK on 21 May 2026, held during the 43rd Meeting of the Commission in the ASEAN Headquarters/ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Meeting looked forward to exploring areas for potential cooperation to promote and protect human rights in the region.
196. The Meeting emphasised the importance of strengthening trade and investment linkages and further deepening economic integration between ASEAN and the ROK, through the effective implementation and utilisation of the ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA). The Meeting welcomed the commencement of the AKFTA Upgrade Negotiations with the aim to ensure that the AKFTA continues to be commercially meaningful and relevant to businesses, trade facilitative, modern, forward-looking, and responsive to

regional and global economic developments, thereby contributing to realising the target of raising two-way trade from USD 200 billion to USD 300 billion by 2029. The Meeting welcomed the ROK's proposal to establish the Trade Academy on ASEAN Public Officials, which will help strengthen the expertise of ASEAN trade officials and deepen their partnership and cooperation with Korean partners.

197. The Meeting agreed to further promote the transfer of knowledge, best practices, and advanced technologies to ASEAN businesses, including start-ups and MSMEs through the ASEAN-ROK Start-ups Partnership and projects such as Enhancing Digital Economy Participation for ASEAN Women MSMEs (IDEAS). The Meeting welcomed the activities of the ASEAN-Korea Business Council (AKBC) and ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC) in supporting trade and investment flows, and deepening business-to-business cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK as well as various cooperation projects by the ASEAN-ROK Financial Cooperation Centre.
198. The Meeting welcomed the deepening of ASEAN-ROK cooperation in the field of intellectual property (IP), marked by the successful 8th ASEAN-ROK Heads of IP Offices Meeting, the adoption of the 2025 Joint Statement between ROK and ASEAN on IP Cooperation, and progress towards finalising the ASEAN-ROK Implementing Arrangement on IP Cooperation. These milestones provide a strong foundation and generate robust momentum for a more impactful partnership on IP.
199. The Meeting welcomed the ROK's continued support in advancing the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR). The Meeting commended the continued implementation of the ASEAN-ROK STI Workshop and ASEAN-ROK Award for Excellence in STI Programmes. The Meeting welcomed the ROK's proposal for ASEAN-ROK AI Companionship Initiative, which will support ASEAN in solving societal challenges through AI and building a sustainable AI ecosystem. In this regard, the Meeting appreciated the recent inauguration of the ASEAN-Korea High Performance Computing (HPC) Facility in Jakarta, Indonesia.
200. The Meeting welcomed the ROK's continued support in critical mineral exploration through the Project on Critical Minerals Management and Strategy for Sustainable Environment in ASEAN.
201. The Meeting encouraged ASEAN and the ROK to further strengthen cooperation through the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) to jointly address climate change, including by enhancing the forest fire management capacities of ASEAN Member States through the Forest Fire

Management in Asia (FFMA) Initiative and developing forest-based climate projects, building on the accreditation of AFoCO as an Accredited Entity of the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

202. The Meeting encouraged the ROK to support ASEAN's renewable energy transition, and regional interconnectivity efforts through the APAEC 2026-2030. ASEAN welcomed ROK's support for the APG and looked forward to strengthening cooperation on emerging low-carbon technologies as well as advancing equitable, inclusive, and sustainable development across the ASEAN Community.
203. The Meeting appreciated the ROK's continued support in advancing tourism cooperation, including through the Korea Partnership Initiative for Sustainable Tourism (KOPIST) Programme.
204. The Meeting appreciated the ROK's continued cooperation in enhancing regional connectivity and looked forward to the ROK's continued engagement and support for the implementation of the ACSP. The Meeting noted the successful implementation of the ASEAN Smart City Professional Programme (ASPP) to date and looked forward to a successful outcome this year, as well as continued cooperation to sustain and build on the Programme's achievements. The Meeting looked forward to the conclusion of a more liberal and mutually beneficial ASEAN-ROK Air Services Agreement (AK-ASA).
205. The Meeting welcomed the ROK's continued support in narrowing the development gaps within ASEAN and looked forward to ROK's continued engagement with ASEAN under the IAI Work Plan V (2026-2030). The Meeting welcomed the ROK's support for ASEAN's efforts in sub-regional development cooperation, including through the Mekong-Cooperation ROK and Brunei Darussalam–Indonesia–Malaysia–Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area - ROK (BIMP-EAGA-ROK) Cooperation frameworks.
206. The Meeting appreciated the ROK's deepening collaboration with the ASEAN Health Sector through the implementation of areas of cooperation for 2025-2026 and support for the ASEAN Biological Threats Surveillance Centre (ABVC) and ACPHEED through the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (KDCA).
207. The Meeting reaffirmed commitment to further strengthening people-to-people and cultural exchanges through initiatives such as TVET, scholarships, workshops, and activities implemented by relevant sectoral bodies, such as the AKC in Seoul, ASEAN Cultural House (ACH) in Busan, and ASEAN Cultural Center in Bangkok, alongside the upcoming ASEAN Cultural Center

in Manila. The Meeting looked forward to continued collaboration in the protection, preservation, and promotion of shared cultural heritage including through the ASEAN-ROK Working Committee on Cultural Heritage Cooperation. The Meeting also welcomed efforts to celebrate ASEAN-ROK cultural vibrancy and creative industries, including the ASEAN-ROK Music Festival (ROUND) and ASEAN-ROK Film Community Programme (FLY). The Meeting appreciated ROK's support for the development of the ASEAN Work Plan for Culture and Arts 2026-2035, as well as the proposed development of a new ASEAN Plus ROK Work Plan on Cooperation in Culture and the Arts (2026-2030). The Meeting welcomed the ROK's proposal for ASEAN-ROK Cultural and Creative Industries Initiative to advance the cultural and creative industries as a key area of cooperation for promoting shared prosperity and mutual understanding.

208. The Meeting appreciated the ROK's continued collaboration in enhancing the quality of education in ASEAN through initiatives such as the Southeast Asia Primary Learning Metrics (SEA-PLM) Programme and the expansion of scholarship opportunities under the ASEAN-ROK Higher Education for ASEAN Talents (HEAT): Scholarship Opportunity for ASEAN Faculty Members and the ASEAN-Korea Platform for Great Minds (AKPGM): Academic Collaboration for Future Southeast Asianists. The Meeting welcomed the ROK's continued collaboration with ASEAN for young ASEAN talents to build a ladder of development through the Inclusive Education Modules (IEM).
209. The Meeting appreciated the ROK's continued collaboration in the field of disaster management through various projects. The Meeting also looked forward to the finalisation and adoption of the ASEAN-ROK Work Plan on Disaster Management 2026-2030 by the ASEAN-ROK Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management.
210. The Meeting welcomed the ROK's continued partnership in advancing regional efforts on climate action and environmental sustainability including through the ASEAN-ROK High Level Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change and projects such as Clean Air for Sustainable ASEAN (CASA), the Integrated Municipal Solid Waste Management (IMSWM), and ASEAN-Korea Cooperation for Methane Mitigation (AKCMM) project.
211. The Meeting encouraged strengthened cooperation in labour, employment, occupational safety and health, and human resource development including through the upcoming ASEAN-ROK TVET Mobility Programme and annual ASEAN Plus Three Human Resource Development (HRD) Forum.

212. The Meeting appreciated the commitment of the ROK to advancing sports cooperation in the region through the implementation of exchange programmes for capacity development for sports officials and professionals, such as the ASEAN-Korea Football Interpersonal Exchange and Leadership Development (FIELD) Programme and engagement with the Senior Officials Meeting on Sports (SOMS).
213. The Meeting welcomed the ROK's continued collaboration with ASEAN in accelerating cooperation on social welfare and development, particularly in promoting the inclusion of people in vulnerable situations, especially women and children, persons with disabilities and older persons, in all aspects of development.

Russian Federation

214. The ASEAN-Russia Ministerial Meeting was co-chaired by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Russian Federation.
215. The Meeting reaffirmed the long-standing relations between ASEAN and the Russian Federation, noting that 2026 marks the 35th anniversary of ASEAN-Russia relations. It highlighted the convening of the ASEAN-Russia Commemorative Summit held on 17-18 June 2026 in Kazan, Russia as a significant milestone, as well as its key outcomes, specifically the Kazan Declaration 2026 "ASEAN-Russian Federation: Unity in Diversity - 35 Years Together"; the Comprehensive Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-Russian Federation Strategic Partnership (2026–2030); the Joint Statement of ASEAN and the Russian Federation on Energy Cooperation; and the Joint Statement of ASEAN and the Russian Federation on Cultural Cooperation. The Meeting looked forward to their full and effective implementation while reaffirming the continued commitment of both sides to effectively implement these outcomes and further strengthening the ASEAN-Russia Strategic Partnership.
216. The Meeting noted the progress made in the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan of Action (CPA) for the ASEAN-Russian Federation Strategic Partnership (2021–2025), and welcomed the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-Russian Federation Strategic Partnership (2026–2030) as the guiding document for practical cooperation in areas of mutual interest in the coming years. The Meeting looked forward to its full and effective implementation.
217. ASEAN appreciated Russia's continued support for ASEAN Centrality and ASEAN's leading role in the evolving regional architecture, and recognised

Russia's active engagement and participation at various levels of ASEAN-Russia cooperation and in ASEAN-led mechanisms, including the EAS, ARF, and ADMM-Plus.

218. The Meeting noted the convening of the 6th ASEAN-Russia Consultations of High Representatives for Security Issues in May 2026 in Moscow, Russia, and the 5th ASEAN-Russia Dialogue on ICT Security-related Issues in October 2025 in Sochi, Russia, and recognised the regular convening of these mechanisms since their launch in 2021 as important platforms for enhancing dialogue and cooperation on security-related issues. On this note, the Meeting looked forward to the convening of the 6th ASEAN-Russia Dialogue on ICTs Security-related Issues to be held in Russia later in 2026.
219. The Meeting welcomed the adoption of the ASEAN Plus Russia Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC + Russia) Work Plan on Cooperation to Combat Transnational Crime (2025-2028), under the framework of the ASEAN Plus Russia Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC + Russia), and the ASEAN-Russia Work Plan on Drug-Related Matters (2025-2029), under the framework of the ASEAN Plus Russia Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters (ASOD + Russia) Consultation. The Meeting looked forward to the implementation of practical activities under these Work Plans to further enhance cooperation in addressing transnational crime and illicit drugs. The Meeting also took note of the convening of the 13th ASEAN-Russia Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism Meeting on 8 April 2026 in Jakarta, Indonesia, as well as the 18th SOMTC + Russia Consultation held virtually on 18 June 2026. The Meeting looked forward to the 8th ASOD + Russia Consultation to be held on 3 to 7 August 2026 in Bangkok.
220. The Meeting recalled Russia's proposal to establish a new ASEAN-Russia mechanism on biosafety and biosecurity and noted the ongoing consideration of the relevant Concept Paper. The Meeting underscored Russia's expertise in this field and welcomed Russia's readiness to support ASEAN's regional preparedness for emerging infectious diseases through technical exchanges that strengthen laboratory network capacity.
221. The Meeting recognised the growing strategic importance of maritime cooperation, as reflected in ASEAN Vision 2045: Our Shared Future and as a declared priority of the Philippines' 2026 ASEAN Chairmanship and noted Russia's proposal to establish ASEAN-Russia Maritime Dialogue as a framework to exchange best practises on countering traditional and non-traditional challenges in maritime domain as well as to promote stability of

maritime communications, sustainable management of marine resources and conservation of marine biodiversity, etc.

222. The Meeting commended Russia's continued defence engagements in the ADMM-Plus, including through its co-chairmanship of the ADMM-Plus EWG on Humanitarian Mine Action with Lao PDR for the 2024-2027 cycle.
223. The Meeting recognised Russia's continued engagement on economic matters through regular consultations with the AEM and the Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM), and looked forward to strengthening cooperation in trade, economic, and investment areas. In this regard, it looked forward to the adoption of the ASEAN-Russia Strategic Programme on Trade and Investment Cooperation (SPTI) 2026–2035 as the successor framework of the ASEAN-Russia Trade and Investment Cooperation Roadmap and the ASEAN-Russia Trade and Investment Work Programme (2021–2025).
224. The Meeting also acknowledged the contributions of the Russia-ASEAN Business Council (RABC) in promoting business engagement. In this context the Meeting welcomed the ASEAN-Russia Business Forum held on 17 June 2026 in Kazan on the sidelines of the ASEAN-Russia Commemorative Summit and looked forward to the next round of the ASEAN-Russia Business Dialogue to be held within XI Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok, Russia, in September 2026.
225. The Meeting further welcomed the adoption of the Programme of Cooperation between ASEAN and the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) for 2026–2030 at the 14th AEM-Russia Consultation in September 2025 and its ongoing implementation and took note of plans to organise the ASEAN-Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) Days at the EEC headquarters.
226. The Meeting acknowledged the growing energy cooperation between ASEAN and Russia and highlighted the Joint Statement of ASEAN and the Russian Federation on Energy Cooperation adopted at the ASEAN-Russia Commemorative Summit in Kazan on 18 June 2026 which reflects the shared commitment to strengthening ASEAN-Russia cooperation in energy to ensure reliable, affordable, and diversified supply, including crude oil, petroleum products, natural gas, and civilian nuclear energy capacity building, through practical and market-based approaches. It further noted regular consultations between the ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting on Energy and their Russian counterparts, the successful implementation of the ASEAN-Russia Work Plan on Energy Cooperation (2023-2025). The Meeting also welcomed the ASEAN-Russia Work Plan on Energy Cooperation (2026-2030) and looked forward to its effective implementation, reaffirming ASEAN's readiness to work

with Russia to operationalise the Work Plan and deliver concrete outcomes addressing both immediate energy needs and long-term sustainability goals. The meeting encouraged both sides to strengthen cooperation in the promotion of regional energy interconnectivity and the development of the ASEAN Power Grid.

227. The Meeting noted the importance of enhanced cooperation between ASEAN and Russia in food, agriculture, and forestry, particularly on fertiliser supply, accessibility, and affordability, to support regional food security.
228. The Meeting welcomed Russia's active engagement as a partner of the ASEAN Digital Senior Officials' Meeting since 2024, as well as the convening of the 2nd ADGSOM plus Russia Consultations in January 2026 in Hanoi, Viet Nam, resulted in the adoption of the ASEAN-Russia 2026 Digital Work Plan, which sets out cooperation in areas such as digital infrastructure, e-government, emerging technologies, artificial intelligence, big data, and digital skills to further guide ASEAN-Russia collaboration in the digital sector.
229. The Meeting highlighted the importance of science, technology, and innovation as a pillar of the ASEAN-Russia partnership, commended the successful implementation of the ASEAN-Russia Plan of Action on Science, Technology, and Innovation (ARPASTI) 2016-2025 and noted the ongoing consideration of a successor document. The Meeting welcomed joint research activities conducted by ASEAN and Russia to strengthen training and exchanges in areas such as agricultural technologies, water management, and environmental protection.
230. The Meeting recognised the potential of and noted a possibility to explore cooperation between ASEAN and Russia in the peaceful uses of outer space, including application of space science and technologies such as satellite communications and navigation, as well as implementation of various national and joint space projects.
231. The Meeting highlighted the importance of cultural cooperation in ASEAN-Russia relations, as reflected in the Joint Statement of ASEAN and the Russian Federation on Cultural Cooperation adopted at the ASEAN-Russia Commemorative Summit in Kazan on 18 June 2026. It reaffirmed the shared commitment to promoting intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding, and respect for cultural diversity. The Meeting also recognised the role of culture, including cultural heritage, the arts, and creative industries, in fostering people-to-people connectivity, supporting sustainable development, and contributing to economic growth, and encouraged continued collaboration in areas such as cultural exchanges, heritage

preservation, and the development of cultural and creative industries. The Meeting also appreciated the successful convening of the Workshop on Prospects for ASEAN–Russia Cooperation in the Creative Economy: Digital Dimension, via videoconference in March 2026, which facilitated sharing of best practices on creative economy policies in ASEAN and Russia.

232. The Meeting noted the successful conclusion of the ASEAN-Russian Federation Tourism Cooperation Work Plan 2022-2025, which facilitated productive cooperation in tourism exchanges, capacity building, and promotional activities. The Meeting welcomed the adoption of the ASEAN-Russian Federation Tourism Work Plan 2026-2030 in January 2026, which provides a forward-looking framework aligned with the ASEAN Tourism Sectoral Plan (ATSP) 2026-2030.
233. The Meeting underscored the continued advancement of ASEAN-Russia cooperation in education, supported by frameworks such as the ASEAN-Russia Working Group on Education (ARWGE) and the ASEAN-Russia Plan of Action on Education (2022-2026). The Meeting looked forward to the 3rd ARWGE Meeting to be hosted by the ASEAN Side. It acknowledged the role of the ASEAN Centre at MGIMO University in advancing academic cooperation and fostering mutual understanding, including through engagement with the ASEAN University Network, as well as ongoing initiatives such as the Master's degree programme "Political Economy of the ASEAN-Russia Strategic Partnership," with continued enrolment of students from ASEAN Member States.
234. The Meeting encouraged ASEAN and Russia to initiate joint activities and programmes under the MoU between ASEAN and the Russian Federation on Cooperation in the Field of Disaster Management.
235. The Meeting further noted the strengthening youth cooperation, including the anticipated establishment of ASEAN-Russia Senior Officials' Meeting on Youth and looked forward to the 1st ASEAN-Russia SOMY in 2026. The Meeting welcomed the upcoming 6th ASEAN-Russia Youth Summit in October 2026 in Vladivostok, Russia. The Meeting commended initiatives such as the ASEAN-Russia Young Diplomats Summit held in 2024. It also noted the convening of the 6th Meeting of the Network of ASEAN-Russia Think Tanks (NARTT) in October 2025 in Vientiane, Lao PDR, and looked forward to the 7th NARTT Meeting scheduled to be held in October 2026 in Moscow, Russia.
236. The Meeting further appreciated Russia's support for the implementation of the smart cities initiative in the region through the project on "Innovations for

Smart and Sustainable Cities in ASEAN and Russia”, supporting the ASCN and the ACSP.

United Kingdom

237. The ASEAN PMC with the UK was co-chaired by Viet Nam and the UK.
238. The Meeting welcomed the significant progress in the final year of implementation of the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-UK Dialogue Partnership (2022-2026). Noting that the current Plan of Action is due to expire this year, the Meeting adopted the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-UK Dialogue Partnership (2027-2031) and looked forward to its effective implementation in realising the full potential of the partnership in the coming years.
239. The Meeting adopted the *ASEAN-UK Joint Ministerial Statement on Cooperation on the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific: Advancing Together*. The meeting welcomed this significant step as evidence of a strong and enduring commitment to a set of shared principles which commemorates the fifth year of the Dialogue Partnership.
240. The Meeting welcomed the activities and initiatives to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the ASEAN-UK Dialogue Relations throughout the year, including the Workshop on Commemorating 5 Years of ASEAN-UK Dialogue Relations, held on 10 June in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, on the sidelines of the ASEAN Future Forum 2026 and reaffirmed the commitment to strengthen partnership that is meaningful, substantive and mutually beneficial.
241. The Meeting noted the UK’s active engagement as an Observer in the ADMM-Plus EWGs on Military Medicine and on Maritime Security for the 2024-2027 cycle. ASEAN looked forward to the UK’s continued sharing of expertise and best practices in the respective EWGs. We looked forward to the positive consideration of the UK’s application to the ARF as its 28th Participant, noting its strong engagement with ASEAN as one of its eleven (11) Dialogue Partners.
242. The Meeting welcomed the UK’s support for ASEAN’s efforts to combat transnational crime, particularly on terrorism, money laundering, trafficking in persons, as well as cybercrime and online scams. ASEAN noted the UK’s participation in the Open Session of the 25th and 26th SOMTC in June 2025 and 2026, and looked forward to the establishment of the ASEAN Plus the UK Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC+UK) Consultation, and the convening of a series of ASEAN-UK Workshops on Enhancing

Regional Capacities to Address Trafficking of Persons and Fraud to be co-chaired by Viet Nam and the UK.

243. The Meeting commended the UK's substantive contributions to advancing the WPS agenda in the region, including its support for key regional initiatives, including the 2025 ASEAN WPS Summit and the Visibility and Knowledge-Sharing Event on Advancing Women, Peace and Security in ASEAN, as well as its efforts to strengthen the localisation of the WPS agenda through initiatives such as the National Action Plan (NAP) Academies.
244. The Meeting noted that the three pillars of the ASEAN-UK Economic Integration Programme (EIP) are currently being implemented. The Meeting looked forward to the continued collaboration and effective implementation of the EIP as the main vehicle for ASEAN-UK economic cooperation. The Meeting also welcomed efforts towards adopting a new Joint Ministerial Declaration and updating the ASEAN-UK Economic Work Plan to serve as guides for ASEAN and the UK's future economic partnership focused on complementarities and anchored on common priorities towards shared prosperity.
245. The Meeting encouraged closer cooperation on the common goals stipulated in the *ASEAN-UK Joint Ministerial Statement: Enhancing Connectivity for a Prosperous and Sustainable Future*, adopted at the PMC with the UK in 2024. The Meeting welcomed the successful conclusion of the ASEAN-UK Sustainable Leadership in Infrastructure Programme (ASLIP) in 2026.
246. The Meeting welcomed the continued progress of negotiations under the ASEAN-UK Working Group on Regional Air Services Agreement (AUKWG-RASA) and looked forward to the early and successful conclusion of a modern and mutually beneficial ASEAN-UK Air Services Agreement that would further enhance air connectivity, support the sustainable growth of air transport, and strengthen trade, tourism, investment, and people-to-people links between and beyond ASEAN and the UK.
247. The Meeting also welcomed the UK's support in enhancing education quality in ASEAN and people-to-people connectivity through the ASEAN-UK Women in STEM and the Chevening ASEAN. The Meeting looked forward to the implementation of the next phase of the scholarships. ASEAN-UK Supporting the Advancement of Girls' Education Programme (SAGE).
248. The Meeting appreciated the UK's continued cooperation with ASEAN in the areas of climate, energy and nature, including through the ASEAN-UK Green Transition Fund and the ASEAN Infrastructure Fund. The Meeting noted the

inaugural ASEAN-UK Dialogue on Sustainability that was held in February 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Dialogue brought ASEAN and the UK together to leverage partnership and deepen discussion on sustainability and related mutual interests.

249. The Meeting appreciated the UK's support for the ASEAN Health Sector through the implementation of the ASEAN-UK Health Security Partnership (HSP) Programme to strengthen the region's capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to health threats. The Meeting also acknowledged the expert contribution of the UK Health Security Agency (HSA) in supporting ACPHEED, ASEAN One Health Network Initiative, and the ASEAN Emergency Operations Centre Network for public health emergencies.
250. The Meeting appreciated the UK's support in promoting ASEAN's creative economy, through the ASEAN-UK Advancing Creative Economy Programme. The Meeting looked forward to the launch of the *ASEAN Creative Economy Sustainability Framework: From Ideas to Impact-A Companion Guide*, following the adoption of the ASEAN Creative Economy Sustainability Framework last year. Building on the 2nd ASEAN-UK Creative Economy Symposium, the Meeting looked forward to the UK's support for the establishment of the ASEAN Center of Excellence for Creative Industries (ACE-CI), one of the Priority Economic Deliverables of the Philippines' ASEAN Chairship in 2026.

United States

251. The ASEAN PMC with the United States (US) was co-chaired by the Kingdom of Cambodia and the United States.
252. The Meeting welcomed the full implementation of all measures under the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-US Strategic Partnership (2021–2025) and the Annex to the ASEAN-US Plan of Action 2021–2025: ASEAN-US Comprehensive Strategic Partnership one year ahead of schedule. Following their expiry at the end of 2025, the Meeting noted that ASEAN and the US continued to strengthen collaboration across priority areas.
253. The Meeting reaffirmed its commitment to further deepen and expand the ASEAN–US CSP and looked forward to the adoption of the Comprehensive Work Plan to Implement the ASEAN–United States Leaders' Joint Vision Statement to Promote Stronger, Safer, and More Prosperous ASEAN and America.

254. The Meeting welcomed the 50th anniversary of ASEAN–US Dialogue Relations and the 5th anniversary of the ASEAN–US Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2027, and looked forward to high-level engagements, and commemorative activities across platforms, including business engagements under the US-ASEAN Business Council (USABC), a possible ASEAN–US Alumni Summit, and activities led by the ASEAN–US Center in Washington, D.C.
255. ASEAN appreciated the US’s steadfast support for ASEAN Centrality and its constructive contribution to regional peace, stability, and cooperation through active participation in ASEAN-led mechanisms such as the ARF, EAS, ADMM-Plus, EAMF, as well as the ASEAN Plus U.S. Senior Officials’ Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC + U.S.) Consultation. Both sides also looked forward to strengthening cooperation on maritime security, defence, humanitarian mine action, and transnational crime, including drug trafficking, cybercrime, online scams, trafficking in persons, terrorism, and illicit trafficking of wildlife and timber.
256. Acknowledging the US as ASEAN’s second-largest trading partner and source of foreign direct investment, the Meeting welcomed the continued strengthening of ASEAN–US economic relations, anchored by the ASEAN–US Trade and Investment Framework Arrangement (TIFA), as well as through the regular convening of AEM–US Trade Representative (AEM–USTR) Consultations and ASEAN Senior Economic Officials-Assistant USTR (SEOM–AUSTR) Consultations, and the significant contributions of the US–ASEAN Business Council (US–ABC). The Meeting noted that the annual TIFA Work Plans have advanced cooperation in the digital economy, MSME development, trade facilitation, intellectual property rights, good regulatory practices, labour, agriculture, and competition and consumer protection. The Meeting further noted the US technical assistance and capacity-building support through the US–ASEAN Connect series and the ASEAN–US Partnership Program, which have supported several impactful projects, including the ASEAN Single Window and the ASEAN SME Academy, thereby contributing to ASEAN’s regional economic integration and capacity-building efforts.
257. On energy security, following the endorsement of the ASEAN–US Energy Work Plan (2026–2030), ASEAN encouraged cooperation to facilitate a stable supply of refined products through commercial partnerships and market-based arrangements, as well as to enhance collaboration in downstream activities, infrastructure, and supply chain resilience. ASEAN appreciated the support of the US, including through the US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) and the Department of State, in advancing

feasibility studies on the Sumatra–Peninsular Malaysia and Kalimantan–Sabah interconnections, which are important steps toward accelerating the APG and strengthening regional energy security. ASEAN further underscored the importance of enhancing cooperation on regional energy connectivity, energy security, and civilian nuclear energy, including through support for the timely operationalisation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Petroleum Security. The meeting welcomed the U.S. Speaker Program expert visiting multiple ASEAN member states and sharing expertise and civil nuclear energy, including small modular reactors (SMRs).

258. The Meeting noted ongoing US consultations with the private sector in support of DEFA implementation ahead of its signing in November 2026, with a view to capitalising on a high-standard agreement that will further expand ASEAN's digital economy.
259. The Meeting noted enhanced cooperation on cybersecurity, including through the consultations between ADGMIN and the US, the ASEAN–US Cyber Dialogue, the US–ASEAN Connect Digital Economy Series, as well as through collaboration with regional cybersecurity capacity-building centres, and the ADMM Cybersecurity and Information Centre of Excellence (ACICE). The Meeting welcomed the endorsement of the ASEAN–US Digital Work Plan Priorities 2026 by the 5th ADGMIN + US in January 2026.
260. On online scams, the Meeting noted ongoing cooperation under the ASEAN–US 2026 Digital Work Plan and between the US and the ASEAN Regional Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT). ASEAN underscored the importance of strengthening cooperation to combat online scams, cyber-enabled fraud, and related transnational crimes through information-sharing, capacity-building, and cybersecurity cooperation. The Meeting welcomed continued US support for ASEAN-led initiatives in this area, including efforts to strengthen information-sharing mechanisms and develop a regional traceback mechanism. The Meeting also welcomed the adoption of the SOMTC + US Work Plan on Cooperation to Combat Transnational Crime (2026-2029), covering priority areas of cybercrime and focusing on online scams, illicit drug and precursor trafficking, and money laundering. The Meeting noted following the ASEAN digital minister's endorsement of the 10 Public-Private Partnership Principles for Tackling Online Scams, the United States proposes an ASEAN-U.S. Leaders' Statement on the 10 Principles at the forthcoming 14th ASEAN–US Summit. The Meeting appreciated the support of the US in bridging the digital divide and ICT gaps within ASEAN, and promoting the development of a secure, resilient, and innovative digital ecosystem and networks. The Meeting

welcomed enhanced collaboration on digital infrastructure and e-commerce, particularly for MSMEs.

261. The Meeting looked forward to promoting ASEAN–US cooperation in Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) through policy dialogue, research partnerships, capacity-building, and human capital development, focusing on emerging technologies, innovation ecosystems, STEM education, and researcher mobility. The Meeting commended U.S. support through the Diplomacy Lab program, briefing ASEAN space agencies, agriculture and fishing ministries, and science agencies on how publicly available satellite data and geospatial artificial intelligence can address critical regional challenges practical applications of U.S. space and AI technology for food security monitoring and combating illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing. The Meeting also encouraged both sides to strengthen cooperation in biotechnology, startup development, the commercialisation of new energy technologies, artificial intelligence, and space technology as well as their applications in addressing challenges related to the blue and circular economy, and sustainable water use, agriculture, food security, and forestry. The Meeting further encouraged partnerships among academia, research institutions, industry, and the private sector, including the US–ASEAN Business Council, through mechanisms such as the ASEAN–US Consultation on Science, Technology, and Innovation (AUCSTI) and other relevant platforms, in support of the ASEAN Plan of Action on Science, Technology, and Innovation (APASTI) 2026–2035. The Meeting also appreciated the longstanding collaboration with the U.S.-ASEAN Business Council and UL Research Institutes on its ASEAN–US Science Prize for Women initiative.
262. On 20 May 2026, the ASEAN–US Artificial Intelligence (AI) Ministerial was convened in Singapore on the sidelines of ATxSummit 2026 and marked the launch of “The Road to 50 years of ASEAN–US Relations” ahead of Singapore’s ASEAN Chairmanship.
263. The Meeting appreciated the US’s support for implementing initiatives under the ASEAN–US Transport Cooperation Work Plan 2022–2025 and welcomed the adoption of the ASEAN-US Transport Dialogue Partnership Work Plan 2026–2030 at the 5th ASEAN–US Senior Transport Officials Dialogue held on 21 May 2026, which supports implementation of the objectives of the ASEAN Transport Sectoral Plan 2026–2030.
264. The Meeting expressed appreciation to the US for its support, through the ASEAN-US Partnership Program, for the development of the ASEAN Minerals Development Vision (AMDV 2045), the ASEAN Minerals Cooperation Action Plan (AMCAP-IV) 2026–2030, and the ASEAN Minerals Investment Forum

(AMVest). The Meeting looked forward to exploring new areas of ASEAN–US minerals cooperation, including offshore mining, sustainable minerals development, critical minerals recovery and recycling, and capacity-building to support resilient and responsible mineral value chains in the region.

265. The Meeting noted the US's continued support for ASEAN's disaster management efforts and welcomed the technical assistance to Build Tsunami Resilient Communities through Tsunami Ready in ASEAN project. The Meeting encouraged the US's support for the implementation of AADMER Work Programme 2026–2030, particularly in areas related to disasters' early warning systems, resilient infrastructure, and the utilisation of advanced science, technology, and innovation for disaster resilience.
266. The Meeting looked forward to the expansion of the ASEAN–US Health Cooperation Work Plan to align with the next ASEAN Health Sector Five-Year Work Programme (2026–2030), and the formalisation of the ASEAN–US Health Ministers' Meeting mechanism. The Meeting also looked forward to US collaboration with ACPHEED and acknowledged the US support for ASEAN's health sector priorities. The Meeting noted the inaugural ASEAN–US Senior Officials' Meeting on Health Development in June 2026 and looked forward to the inaugural ASEAN–US Health Ministers' Meeting in September 2026.
267. The Meeting commended the US's continued commitment and support for ASEAN's efforts to build a more open and connected ASEAN Community through various exchange programmes, including the Fulbright US–ASEAN Visiting Scholar Programme, Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) programmes, and a special International Visitors Leadership Program for ASEAN Secretariat staff capacity-building. The Meeting noted the US's intention to explore support for the ASEAN Junior Fellowship Programme to further strengthen youth empowerment and leadership development in the region.
268. The Meeting welcomed the US's continuous support for smart city initiatives through activities under the US–ASEAN Smart Cities Partnership (USASCP) and encouraged the US's support for the implementation of the ASEAN Smart City Action Plan (ASCAP) 2026–2035 and the ACSP strategic area on Smart and Sustainable Urban Development.
269. The Meeting commended the US's continued commitment to strengthening development cooperation in the ASEAN region, including through the Mekong–US Partnership (MUSP). The Meeting welcomed the adoption of the 2026 Annual Work Plan of the ASEAN–US Partnership Program, which

serves as a key framework for advancing ASEAN–US development cooperation priorities in 2026.

270. The Meeting acknowledged the contributions of the ASEAN–US Center in Washington, D.C. through continued US partnership with Arizona State University, continues to advance people-to-people linkages, promote greater awareness of ASEAN, and serve as a platform to enhance partnerships among stakeholders from both sides. The Meeting noted the attendance of the Center’s Director at the 17th ASEAN-US Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting in May 2026 and her proactive engagements with various stakeholders in Jakarta to ensure close alignment of the Center’s work with ASEAN’s priorities. The Meeting looked forward to the Center’s enhanced role in further strengthening ASEAN–US cooperation, particularly in the lead-up to the 50th anniversary of ASEAN-US Dialogue Relations in 2027.

Trilateral Meetings

271. There were also separate Trilateral Meetings of the ASEAN Chair, the ASEAN Secretariat and Brazil, Norway, Switzerland and Türkiye, convened on 22 July 2026 to discuss the future direction and explore ways to forge closer and sustained collaboration with concrete and tangible outcomes between ASEAN and the respective Sectoral Dialogue Partners.
272. During the Trilateral Meeting with Türkiye, the ASEAN Chair conveyed the decision of the 59th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting, adopted on 21 July 2026, to formally accord Türkiye the status of ASEAN Dialogue Partner, recalling the ASEAN Leaders' in-principle decision at the 47th ASEAN Summit. The ASEAN Chair noted Türkiye's sustained engagement with ASEAN since becoming a Sectoral Dialogue Partner in 2017 and its strong commitment to pursue more comprehensive and substantive cooperation with ASEAN. The ASEAN Chair also conveyed ASEAN's readiness to commence discussions on the modalities of Türkiye's engagement as an ASEAN Dialogue Partner, including the development of a Plan of Action to implement the ASEAN–Türkiye Dialogue Partnership.

