STATEMENT
BY THE CHAIRMAN OF ASEAN
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At the ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting in Bali on 19 July 2011, the Ministers discussed recent regional and international developments, including the development of the Thailand and Cambodia border issue, and ASEAN’s efforts to address the issue.

Pursuant to the Order of 18 July 2011 issued by the International Court of Justice on the request for the indication of provisional measures on the Thailand and Cambodia border issue, the Representatives of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Kingdom of Thailand briefed the ASEAN Foreign Ministers on the matter.

Following the consultation, the meeting:

Recognizes the importance of the International Court of Justice’s order of 18 July 2011 on the request for the indication of provisional measures on the Thailand and Cambodia border issue, which include, inter alia, that both Parties shall continue the cooperation which they have entered into within ASEAN and, in particular, allow the observers appointed by that organization to have access to the provisional demilitarized zone;

Welcomes in this regard that both Cambodia and Thailand have expressed their respect of the ICJ order and their intention to carry out the said order in accordance with their international legal obligations and their respective domestic laws and procedures;

Welcomes further the continuing commitment expressed by both Cambodia and Thailand to resolve their differences by peaceful means, with the appropriate engagement of Indonesia, as current Chair of ASEAN;

Support Indonesia, Chair of ASEAN, to continue to undertake consultations with Cambodia and Thailand on the above matter, including on the early assignment of the Indonesian Observer Team (IOT).