



**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON**  
**ASEAN-ROK SPECIAL MINISTERIAL MEETING ON FORESTRY 2014**  
**Busan, Republic of Korea**  
**11 December 2014**

**WE**, the Ministers responsible for Forestry and Forest-related activities from the ASEAN Member States and the Republic of Korea (ROK) on the occasion of the ASEAN-ROK Special Ministerial Meeting on Forestry 2014;

**WELCOMING** the Commemorative Summit held on 11-12 December 2014 in Busan, ROK to celebrate 25 years of dialogue relations between ASEAN and ROK;

**NOTING** the Sustainable Development Goals, as guided by the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), to be integrated into United Nations post-2015 development agenda;

**DEEPLY CONCERNED** with the growing adverse impacts of Climate Change on the livelihood of people, forest resources and environment regionally and globally;

**SUPPORTING** the implementation of the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community which requires specific actions to be undertaken for sustainable forest management as well as for responding to climate change and addressing its impacts;

**RECALLING** the proposal by the Republic of Korea to establish the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (hereinafter referred to as "AFoCO") at the ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit held on 1-2 June 2009 in Jeju Island, Republic of Korea;

**CONSIDERING** the achievements made and ongoing activities in the implementation of the "Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea on Forest Cooperation" (hereinafter referred to as "AFoCo Agreement"), which entered into force since 5 August 2012 and extended until 4 August 2016;

**RECALLING** the two objectives of the AFoCo Agreement, namely; (1) to facilitate forest cooperation, undertake projects and translate sound forest policies and proven technologies into action with a mission to rehabilitate degraded forest land and to prevent deforestation and forest degradation in the context of sustainable forest management as well as under the broader scope of addressing the impact of climate change; and (2) to provide a platform for dialogue between the ASEAN Member States and the ROK towards the establishment of AFoCO; and

**NOTING** the on-going dialogue for the establishment of AFoCO among the ASEAN Member States, ROK and other prospective countries;

**DO HEREBY ENDEAVOUR to:**

(1) Enhance collaboration and undertake concrete actions between ASEAN and ROK through action-oriented field activities to effectively address the present and emerging forestry and forest-related issues in the region;

(2) Promote knowledge and expertise sharing of ROK with the ASEAN Member States on low carbon, green growth technology and promoting activities related to addressing the impact of Climate Change;

(3) Take a collaborative approach for timely and effective implementation of the AFoCo Agreement, including the establishment of AFoCO;

(4) Support management capacity and training among the ASEAN Member States and ROK, specifically in the area of forest fire management through implementation of a project; and

(5) Encourage the Senior Officials and relevant bodies responsible in forestry and forest-related activities to pursue actions in accordance with the above policy directions.

Adopted in Busan, the Republic of Korea on this Eleventh day of December in the year Two Thousand and Fourteen, in the English language.

## **LIST OF MINISTERS AND DESIGNATES**

H.E. Mr. Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Yahya Bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar, Minister Of Industry and Primary Resources, Brunei Darussalam

H.E. Mr. Chheng Kimsun, Head of the Forestry Administration, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Kingdom of Cambodia

H.E. Mdm. Siti Nurbaya, Minister of Environment and Forestry, Republic of Indonesia

H.E. Dr. Phommasack Ty, Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao People's Democratic Republic

H.E. Mr. James Dawos Mamit, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Malaysia

H.E. Mr. Aye Myint Maung, Deputy Minister of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

H.E. Mr. Demetrio L. Ignacio, Jr., Undersecretary, Field Operations, Department of Environment & Natural Resources, Republic of the Philippines

H.E. Mr. Chee Chiew Leong, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, National Parks Board, Republic of Singapore

H.E. Mr. Sunun Arunnopparat, Vice Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Kingdom of Thailand

H.E. Mr. Ha Cong Tuan, Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

H.E. Dr. Shin Wonsop, Minister of Korea Forest Service, Republic of Korea

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