



## **Nay Pyi Taw Declaration on Realisation of the ASEAN Community by 2015**

11 May 2014

**We**, the Heads of State/ Government of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (hereinafter referred to as “ASEAN”) namely Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, gathered here on the occasion of the 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014;

**Reaffirming** our commitment to the aims and purposes of ASEAN as set forth in the Bangkok Declaration of 8<sup>th</sup> August 1967, in particular to promote regional cooperation in Southeast Asia in the spirit of equality and partnership and thereby contribute towards peace, progress and prosperity in the region;

**Adhering** to the purposes and principles enshrined in the ASEAN Charter and upholding the Charter of the United Nations;

**Recalling** the ASEAN Vision 2020 (1997), the Declaration of ASEAN Concord II (Bali Concord II) (2003), the Cebu Declaration on the Acceleration of the

Establishment of the ASEAN Community by 2015 (2007), the Cha-am Hua Hin Declaration on the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community (2009-2015), the Bali Declaration on an ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations (Bali Concord III) (2011), the Phnom Penh Agenda for ASEAN Community Building (2012) and the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision (2013);

**Welcoming** the progress made in implementing the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community (2009-2015) as well as other measures and commitments set out in various ASEAN declarations and plans of action;

**Recognising** the urgency of the successful establishment of the ASEAN Community by 2015;

**Realising** that the success of the ASEAN Community can be ensured only by sustained efforts to further deepen and broaden the integration process and to narrow the development gap within and among ASEAN Member States and by enhancing ASEAN's capability in addressing current and emerging issues of common interest and concern in a timely manner;

**Commending** the on-going efforts of ASEAN in formulating the ASEAN Community's post-2015 vision;

**Reiterating** our commitment to further strengthen efforts to enhance ASEAN integration and narrow the development gap by building on existing initiatives such as the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI), the Ha Noi Declaration for Narrowing the Development Gap for Closer ASEAN Integration (2001), the Vientiane Declaration on Enhancing Economic Cooperation and Integration among Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam (2004) and the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (2010);

**Reaffirming** our commitment to working closely with all our partners through various ASEAN-led processes, such as ASEAN Plus One, ASEAN Plus Three (APT), East Asia Summit (EAS), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), and ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM Plus);

**Stressing** the importance of cooperation among ASEAN Member States and the realisation of an ASEAN Community that is politically cohesive, economically integrated and socially responsible.

**DO HEREBY AGREE:**

1. To strengthen ASEAN unity and solidarity as well as ASEAN's central role in maintaining and promoting peace, stability, harmony and prosperity in the region;
2. To further enhance ASEAN cooperation in promoting democracy, good governance and the rule of law, and promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, with due regard to the rights and responsibilities of the ASEAN Member States, so as to further enhance a rule-based community of shared values and norms;
3. To promote and uphold the rule of law in the conduct of relations, including in the peaceful resolution of disputes in accordance with universally recognized principles of international law;
4. To promote the sharing of norms, principles and values as enshrined in the ASEAN instruments such as the ASEAN Charter, the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC), the Declaration of the East Asia Summit on the Principles for Mutually Beneficial Relations (Bali Principles) and the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) for peace, stability and development in the region;

5. To explore the possibility for a regional framework based on the principles contained in the TAC and in line with the Bali Principles on Mutually Beneficial Relations, and welcomed Indonesia's efforts to propose for an Indo-Pacific framework;
6. To further promote ASEAN's efforts in peace and reconciliation in the region through relevant mechanisms and entities associated with ASEAN, including the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR);
7. To strengthen cooperation for the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC), in accordance with universally recognized principles of international law including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), especially calling on all parties to exercise self-restraint and non-use of force, as well as refrain from taking actions that would further escalate tension and to work towards an early conclusion of the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC) as reflected in the ASEAN's Six-Point Principles on the South China Sea.
8. To work closely with the Nuclear Weapon States on the early signing and ratification of the Protocol to the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ) without reservations by Nuclear Weapon States;
9. To strengthen ASEAN centrality in the evolving regional architecture through ASEAN-led processes such as ASEAN Plus One, ASEAN Plus Three, East Asia Summit, ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting Plus, and ASEAN Regional Forum;

10. To expedite the implementation of the remaining action lines under the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community (2009-2015) through concrete programmes and activities;
11. To help strengthen the needs assessment capacity of the ASEAN Member States to identify constraints faced by individual ASEAN Member States in carrying out internal procedures with a view to accelerating the ratification of ASEAN agreements and ensuring effective implementation of ASEAN agreements and other instruments;
12. To ensure the timely formulation of the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision in line with the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision;
13. To strengthen ASEAN institutions and mechanisms in order to further improve efficiency and effectiveness, taking into account the expansion of ASEAN activities, the on-going discussion of the possibility of the potential enlargement of ASEAN membership, the geopolitical and geo-economic developments in the region, and growing interest by external parties to engage ASEAN;
14. To further strengthen ASEAN's external relations mechanisms to effectively engage with its Dialogue Partners and other external parties in building a mutually beneficial partnership to contribute to ASEAN's community building process as well as peace, security, stability and development in the region;
15. To intensify our efforts in realising the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015 and implement the initiatives to achieve the ASEAN Single Market and Production Base, including the trade facilitative initiatives such as the ASEAN self-certification system and the ASEAN Single Window, the

ASEAN Customs Transit System, as well as other measures for the free flow of goods, services, investment and skilled labour and freer flow of capital;

16. To continue undertaking concerted action towards realising regional transport connectivity initiatives including the implementation of the ASEAN Single Aviation Market Agreement and the development of the ASEAN Single Shipping Market framework;
17. To accelerate efforts in enhancing regional connectivity through the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity, which is critical in creating a more efficient regional market, enhancing ASEAN competitiveness and advancing the community building process;
18. To ensure a competitive ASEAN through improved policies and regulations for competition, intellectual property and consumer protection that foster open and efficient markets;
19. To further promote equitable economic development by assisting ASEAN Member States in meeting the commitments for economic integration, operationalising the ASEAN Framework on Equitable Economic Development (AFEED) and advancing the interests of SMEs and entrepreneurs in the region;
20. To expedite the implementation of the IAI Work Plan II by further enhancing technical and development cooperation to narrow the development gap and alleviate poverty, and initiate work on developing the Post-2015 work plan for the IAI;
21. To continue to strengthen ASEAN's external economic integration to advance our collective interests in the region through the on-going

ASEAN Plus One Free Trade Agreements (ASEAN+1 FTAs) with Dialogue Partners, and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP);

22. To intensify efforts in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) cooperation in ASEAN, as well as with Dialogue Partners, and promote the productive capabilities of ASEAN Member States to enable our peoples to keep pace with dynamic technological advancement with a view to encouraging a competitive, sustainable and inclusive ASEAN;
23. To enhance efforts to empower women, youth, children, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups by encouraging their active participation in and helping them benefit from the ASEAN community-building process;
24. To strengthen and empower the existing ASEAN mechanisms and multi-sectoral actions to improve prevention, preparedness, response, relief and recovery on disasters in a more coordinated manner by utilising the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) as the main common platform for disaster management in ASEAN and enhancing the capability of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre);
25. To strengthen the environmental resilience and adaptive capacity to climate change of the ASEAN Community by effectively implementing the ASEAN Climate Change Initiative (ACCI) and the ASEAN Action Plan on Joint Response to Climate Change (AAP-JRCC);
26. To expedite the implementation of the Bali Concord III Plan of Action (2013-2017) in all three pillars of ASEAN to raise the profile of ASEAN at the global level;

27. To further promote the sense of belonging to the ASEAN Community among our peoples through the formulation and implementation of the ASEAN Communication Master Plan to articulate benefits of regional integration and to foster awareness and understanding on the work of ASEAN; and
28. To continue strengthening constructive and meaningful engagement with relevant stakeholders, including the private sector, the academia, parliamentarians, youth and civil society groups, in order to contribute to forging a people-oriented, people-centered ASEAN.

**Adopted** in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, on the Eleventh Day of May in the Year of Two Thousand and Fourteen.

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