

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN DECLARATION ON THE ASEAN COMMUNITY'S POST-2015 VISION

WE, the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (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, on the occasion of the 23rd ASEAN Summit in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam;

RECALLING the spirit in which the ASEAN Founding Fathers gathered in Bangkok in 1967 to create an organisation that would help bring about a Southeast Asian region of peace, freedom and prosperity for their peoples;

REAFFIRMING our commitment to the purposes and principles enshrined in the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok, 1967), the Declaration on the Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality (Kuala Lumpur, 1971), the Treaty of Amity and Co-operation in Southeast Asia (Bali, 1976), the Declaration of ASEAN Concord (Bali, 1976), the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok, 1995), the Declaration of ASEAN Concord II (Bali, 2003) and the ASEAN Charter (Singapore, 2007), that refers among others to a people-oriented ASEAN;

RECALLING ALSO the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community (2009-2015) which envisage the establishment of an ASEAN Community by 2015 and the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity which would complement and support ASEAN integration through enhanced physical, institutional and people-to-people connectivity;

REAFFIRMING the Bali Declaration on the ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations (Bali Concord III) and its Plan of Action (2012-2017) to bring the ASEAN common platform on global issues into reality by 2022;

ASPIRING to a Southeast Asian region bound by One Vision, One Identity, One Community;

NOTING the importance of realising a politically cohesive, economically integrated, socially responsible, and a truly people-oriented, people-centred and rules-based ASEAN as central elements of a Post-2015 Vision of the ASEAN Community.

DO HEREBY,

AGREE to commit ourselves to the development of the ASEAN Community's post-2015 vision.

TASK the ASEAN Community Councils to expedite their work on developing the ASEAN Community's post-2015 vision, recognising the importance of promoting coherence and consistency in efforts to develop this vision, building upon the achievements recorded in the implementation of the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community (2009-2015);

REQUEST the ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC) to further develop the central elements of the ASEAN Community's post-2015 vision for endorsement by the ASEAN Summit in 2014, and for the ACC to establish a Working Group of the ACC at the level of Senior Officials of the three pillars to oversee the overall process of developing this post-2015 vision by the 27th ASEAN Summit, with progress reports submitted to the 24th, 25th and 26th ASEAN Summits;

PLEDGE our continued commitment, attention and involvement in the process of developing the post-2015 vision for the ASEAN Community.