



“ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations”

CO-CHAIRS' STATEMENT OF THE 4th ASEAN-UN SUMMIT BALI, INDONESIA, 19 NOVEMBER 2011

1. The Fourth ASEAN-UN Summit was held on 19 November 2011, in Bali, Indonesia and was co-chaired by the ASEAN Chairman of 2011, H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, and H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Summit was attended by Heads of State/Government of ASEAN. Secretary General of ASEAN was also in attendance.

ASEAN-UN Cooperation & Comprehensive Partnership between ASEAN and the United Nations

2. Recalling the previous ASEAN-UN Summits in 2000, 2005, and 2010, the Summit welcomed the developments in the ASEAN-UN partnership, which is becoming increasingly mutually beneficial. In this connection, the Summit reviewed the implementation of the six action points contained in the Co-Chairs' Statement of the Third ASEAN-UN Summit in Ha Noi on 29 October 2010. The Summit also recognised the intention of the UN to become Dialogue Partner of ASEAN.

3. Sharing the view that ASEAN is striving to become a Community by 2015 and to pursue the ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations, the 4th ASEAN-UN Summit adopted a Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership between ASEAN and the United Nations. The Joint Declaration is expected to further advance and intensify the level of cooperation, and strengthen the framework of cooperation between ASEAN and the UN. Furthermore, the Comprehensive Partnership is expected to establish a more coordinated, coherent and cohesive cooperation among ASEAN sectoral bodies in its relation with the UN specialised agencies, funds and programmes which will allow an enhanced ASEAN capacity to contribute and respond to the global challenges. Given the comprehensiveness of the Declaration and the Annex, the Summit stressed the importance of agreeing on priority activities.

4. Agreeing that the Joint Declaration and the Annex shall be reviewed and revised as appropriate at least every two years, the Summit tasked the Secretariats of ASEAN and the

UN to coordinate the implementation of the Declaration, and jointly report on the progress to the ASEAN-UN Ministerial Meeting (AUMM), and through it to the ASEAN-UN Summit.

5. The Summit welcomed significant progress made by Myanmar since the formation of the new Government in March this year. The Secretary-General of the United Nations also welcomed the steps taken in the implementation of political and economic reforms and encouraged continued efforts in this regard.

Conflict Resolution

6. The Summit reiterated its firm commitment to the peaceful resolution of differences in accordance with the principles the UN Charter, the ASEAN Charter, and the international law. ASEAN will continue to promote confidence-building measures, preventive diplomacy and pacific approaches to conflict resolution. In this regard, the United Nations supported the intention of ASEAN to establish an ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR).

Peace and Security

7. ASEAN Leaders and the Secretary-General of the United Nations noted the vital role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security. In this regard, they looked forward to the implementation of immediate steps and medium to long-term activities identified by the two Secretariats, subject to the consideration and approval by ASEAN Member States, including: a workshop/training on lessons learnt and best practices of the United Nations and regional organizations in conflict prevention, peace-making and peace-keeping; a regional seminar on good offices, conciliation, mediation, peace-keeping and peace-building; ASEAN's participation in relevant UN and UN partners-organized workshops and training courses; promotion of a regional network among existing peace-keeping centers in ASEAN Member States; enhancing ASEAN capacity in peace-making, peace-keeping and peace-building; and establishing appropriate framework to address regional and global challenges.

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Global Financial Crisis, Food and Energy Crisis

8. While noting with satisfaction that ASEAN Member States are on track to attaining many of the MDGs, the Summit underlined as a matter of priority to prevent the reverse impact of the global financial and economic crises on the commitment to the attainments of the MDGs by 2015. In this context, the United Nations reiterated its supports for the implementation of the ASEAN Roadmap for the Attainment of the MDGs. Emphasizing the importance of closing development gaps in the region, the Summit welcomed the United Nations' contribution to the implementation of the 2nd Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan (2009-2015).

9. Recalling the agreement by the 64th UN General Assembly to convene the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012 in Brazil, which will raise green economy and poverty eradication, and the institutional framework for sustainable development, ASEAN Leaders and the Secretary-General of the United Nations reiterated the importance of this meeting in order to assess the progress and the remaining gaps in the

implementation of the sustainable development in the region as well as in the global level. The success of these efforts will be fundamental in supporting ASEAN's works in eradicating poverty and maintaining sustainable development.

10. ASEAN Leaders and the Secretary-General of the United Nations reiterated their strong commitment to address climate change at the national, regional and global levels based on the principles as contained in the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol. The Leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen efforts in mitigation and adaptation to address the adverse effects of climate change. As the environmental as well as economic challenges of today are multifaceted and complex, and require enhanced cooperation on sustainable development, ASEAN Leaders and the Secretary-General of the United Nations reiterated their commitment to collaborate on issues such as promoting greater awareness on climate change as well as the concept of green economy to ensure the attainment of sustainable development and enhancing high quality of life of the people in the region.

11. The Summit expressed its deep concern on the recurrence of global financial and economic problems in some parts of the world. The Summit agreed that the financial crisis should be managed as not to affect the implementation of international commitments on financing for development, nor lead to the adoption of trade-distorting and protectionist measures. The crisis should be overcome by accelerating global efforts towards a strong, inclusive, sustainable and balanced growth, including credible medium-term fiscal consolidation by the developed countries and economic reform. The Summit also emphasized the significance of bolstering growth in fragile countries, and welcomed the initiatives of the Secretary-General to urge the G-20 Leaders to continue mainstreaming development agenda into the G-20's discourses.

12. Expressing its concern with the rise in food and energy prices, the Summit agreed that food and energy security are fundamental to realizing ASEAN's economic and social development goals. Acknowledging the support provided by the United Nations, in particular through its Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism, in this regard, the Summit agreed to intensify future joint efforts for both short-term stabilization of the situation and longer term demand-supply balancing.

ASEAN Connectivity and Integration,

13. The Summit recognized regional connectivity and integration are vital for sustaining economic growth essential to eradicate poverty and narrow development gaps within an ASEAN Community. It noted with satisfaction the contributions of the United Nations, in particular the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, to the development and implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity and the Initiative for ASEAN Integration, and agreed to further strengthen joint work in these areas.

Disaster management and humanitarian assistance

14. Recognizing the importance for ASEAN Member States to enhance cooperation with the United Nations in the area of disaster management and humanitarian assistance, the Summit expressed its commitment to implement the ASEAN-UN Strategic Plan of Action on

Disaster Management, which features in the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-UN Collaboration in Disaster Management. The Summit agreed to support the full operationalisation of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) as well as support the implementation of the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-UN Collaboration in Disaster Management.

Promotion of human rights and democracy

15. The Summit reaffirmed its commitment to cooperate in enhancing the promotion and protection of human rights. ASEAN and the United Nations agreed to support the work of the ASEAN Inter-Governmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) and the ASEAN Commission for Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children.

Global Movement of Moderates

16. The Summit noted the ASEAN's initiative on the Global Movement of Moderates which was endorsed by ASEAN Leaders at the 18th ASEAN Summit in Jakarta. The initiative is expected to be one of ASEAN's positive contributions in shaping global development. ASEAN Leaders are determined to put forward this initiative to the agenda of the United Nations.

International and regional issues of common concerns

17. ASEAN Leaders and the Secretary-General of the United Nations exchanged views on international and regional issues of common concerns. The Summit noted the prevalence of regional and global challenges, including the unresolved security problems in some areas, such as nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and the situation in the Middle East and North Africa. ASEAN Leaders and the UN Secretary-General are determined to strengthen their collaboration to contribute to solving these challenges.

ASEAN-UN cooperation mechanism

18. The Summit recalled the three-layer mechanism of ASEAN-UN cooperation adopted in the Co-Chairs' Statement of the 3rd ASEAN-UN Summit; the ASEAN-UN Summit to coordinate policy matters, the ministerial-level (AUMM) to review the implementation of cooperation activities; and the Secretariat-to-Secretariat dialogue. In this regard, the Summit recognized that the three-layer mechanism could be useful for the implementation of the Comprehensive Partnership, and looked forward to the convening of future ASEAN-UN Summits on a regular basis. The Meeting also agreed that the present annual meetings between the ASEAN Foreign Ministers, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and the President of the General Assembly, (AUMM) should continue to take place during the annual UN General Assembly meeting in September.

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