1. We, the Leaders of the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Kingdom of Thailand, met today in Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 8th Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth-Triangle (IMT-GT) Summit to review the progress towards subregional cooperation and integration in IMT-GT. We recognize that in its 20th Anniversary Year, IMT-GT will continue to optimize its potentials based on its subregional comparative advantages and strengths to enhance competitiveness and to narrow the development gap.

2. In the past twenty years, we witnessed the expansion of the IMT-GT to cover the 14 provinces of the Southern region of Thailand, the 10 provinces in Sumatera island of Indonesia and the 8 states of Malaysia. We are encouraged by the satisfying progress in increasing connectivity; expanding trade, investment and tourism; and developing agriculture and Halal products and services along the five IMT-GT connectivity corridors. We congratulated the IMT-GT Ministers on the establishment of the Centre for IMT-GT Subregional Cooperation (CIMT) and thank host country Malaysia for advancing CIMT’s establishment. We are also encouraged that the CIMT will facilitate coordination of activities and explore new initiatives for subregional cooperation. We therefore pledge our full support and cooperation in strengthening the CIMT.

3. In celebrating the progress made in our 20th Anniversary, we are cognizant that this time should also be used to reflect on the program’s performance, with a view towards improving its deliverables to allow IMT-GT to reach its true potential. With the more challenging context of inclusive growth, we therefore reflect on the commitment and dedication of all stakeholders to capitalize on the IMT-GT strengths towards greater inclusivity in our future development. We task Ministers to review IMT-GT’s progresses over the past 20 years and identify future strategic directions to further improve the impacts of our cooperation.

4. We reaffirmed the importance of IMT-GT in narrowing the development gaps within the overall context of ASEAN. We reiterate our commitment and contribution to the ASEAN Community 2015. We task Ministers to further monitor and realize the IMT-GT commitment as members of ASEAN by building upon strategic linkages between IMT-GT and ASEAN especially in the infrastructure sector focusing firstly on transport.

5. We are pleased with the progress made in the IMT-GT Implementation Blueprint (IB) 2012 – 2016. We task Ministers to accelerate project delivery in cooperation areas as follows: Halal Products and Services, especially Halal Science and Technology, Halal Collaboration and Conformance especially in the Harmonization of Halal Standards; tourism, especially in establishing thematic routes; Trade and Investment, especially in establishing Special Border Economic Zone; Human Resources Development, especially in Mutual Recognition Arrangements and Education; and Agriculture, Agro-processing and Environment, especially for sustainable and green activities. We welcome the Ministers’ initiative to undertake a Mid-Term Review of the Implementation Blueprint
(IB). We take note of the IMT-GT Project Manual to enhance project identification and implementation, and ADB’s effort to provide IMT-GT Officials with the necessary capacity building to use this Manual.

6. We thank the Chief Ministers and Governors’ Forum for initiating the IMT-GT Green Cities Initiative. In this regard, we congratulate the state of Melaka for undertaking the initiatives such as the Green City Benchmarking and Baseline Indexing; Energy Efficiency for State Owned Government Buildings; and Electric Management Unit Systems. We take note of the Green City Action Plan (GCAP) for the City of Melaka, to transform Melaka into an Integrated Urban Development Hub. We take note the establishment of the IMT-GT International Green Training Institute in Melaka this year. We task Ministers to commence similar GCAPs for Songkhla and Medan. We task all stakeholders to use the GCAPs to develop more concrete projects in contribution towards an IMT-GT Green Cities Initiative.

7. We are encouraged by the initial study for the Special Border Economic Zone (SBEZ) leveraging on the development potential along designated IMT-GT Corridors. We underlined the importance of the SBEZ as one of the driving forces for growth especially for new production bases to tap into regional and global value chains. In undertaking this initiative, we urge IMT-GT Ministers to realize the SBEZ in order to capture the benefits of SBEZ and priority border areas for local communities with these key tasks: (i) develop a pipeline of projects such as roads, border towns, border facilities, and industrial parks; and (ii) determine the soft infrastructure requirements. It is also important to task Ministers to develop the necessary institutional support for the comprehensive study of SBEZ including the creation of the SBEZ Special Implementation Task Force.

8. Connectivity remains the key development focus for our Subregion. While we acknowledge progress made in our Priority Connectivity Projects (PCP), we urge Ministers to fast track the implementation and provide the corresponding software connectivity, including facilitating air, land and sea linkages. Under sea linkages, we welcome the study for the Belawan-Penang-Trang RoRo Ferry route. We also take note that the Melaka-Dumai RoRo terminal in Tanjung Bruas, Melaka will be scheduled to complete by the end of 2014.

9. We reaffirm our commitment to encourage continuous initiatives of the private sector as the prime mover to enhance future economic activities in IMT-GT. In this regard, we welcome the 2nd BIMP-EAGA and IMT-GT Trade Fair and Business Leaders Conference to be held in Davao City, the Philippines from October 23 – 26, 2014. We wish this unique, collaborative, festive event will be utilised fully by the Small and Medium Enterprises in this region.
10. We would like to make a special mention of the role and assistance provided by ADB, our regional development partner and advisor for the 20 years of IMT-GT's journey. We welcome ADB's continued strategic support in our next phase of growth and prosperity.

11. We express our gratitude to the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements for the Summit and to the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand as the technical host of the Summit.