



“ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations”

CHAIRMAN’S STATEMENT OF THE 14TH ASEAN PLUS THREE SUMMIT BALI, INDONESIA, 18 NOVEMBER 2011

1. The 14th ASEAN Plus Three Summit, chaired by H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, was held in Bali on 18 November 2011. The Heads of State/Government of ASEAN Member Countries, the People’s Republic of China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea attended the Meeting.
2. We reviewed with satisfaction the progress made by the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation through the implementation of the 2nd Joint Statement on East Asia Cooperation and the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Work Plan (2007-2017). We noted the significant advancement in the economic and financial cooperation, as well as in the socio-cultural and development cooperation.
3. We encouraged deepening political and security cooperation as the maintenance and enhancement of peace and stability are indispensable conditions for development in the region. In this regard, we reaffirmed the importance of cooperation to promote good governance, strengthen the rule of law, and protect and promote human rights through policy dialogue and capacity building activities. We further decided to enhance cooperation in counter-terrorism, combating cyber crimes, maritime cooperation, and other non-traditional security issues.
4. We shared the view that terror threats, which could pose impediments to the efforts towards the enhancement of the ASEAN connectivity, still exist in the region. In order to ensure the ASEAN integration, we are committed to the continued efforts in combating terrorism and transnational crime. To that end, we encouraged all parties to consolidate and further strengthen of their efforts under the ASEAN Plus Three framework in this area.
5. We stressed the importance of maintaining peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and called on all concerned parties to make efforts to achieve the complete and verifiable denuclearization of the Korean peninsula in accordance with the 2005 Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks and relevant UN Security Council Resolutions. We highlighted the successful meeting between officials of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea in the margins of the ASEAN Foreign

Ministers Meeting and Post Ministerial Conferences in Bali last July that exemplified how ASEAN and ASEAN-led mechanisms could create a conducive environment to hold dialogues on difficult issues and problems. We encouraged the parties to promote the necessary conditions for the early resumption of the Six Party Talks. We emphasized the importance of addressing the issues of humanitarian concerns of the international community.

6. We reaffirmed that the ASEAN Plus Three process would continue as a main vehicle towards the long-term goal of building an East Asian community with ASEAN as the driving force. At the same time, we reaffirmed our support for ASEAN centrality in the evolving regional architecture and recognized the mutually reinforcing and complementary roles of the ASEAN Plus Three process and such regional fora as ASEAN Plus One, EAS, and ARF in the East Asian community building process.

7. We noted that despite the downside risks in the global financial and economic crisis, the East Asian economies were among the first to recover, and had become one of the key drivers of the global economic recovery. In this regard, we reiterated our commitment to promote economic growth that is strong, sustainable, and balanced. We highlighted the importance for East Asia countries to accelerate regional integration as a way to fuel the internal growth engine and to promote economic development of the region in a sustainable and healthy way.

8. We recognized the fundamental contribution of international trade to global prosperity and sustainable development and underline the necessity to push forward the Doha Development Agenda. We underscore the merits of the multilateral trading system as a way to avoid protectionism and inward-looking behavior. We further reiterated the importance of reforming the international financial architecture in which developing economies would assume a greater role in the global economic decision-making process. To that end, we reaffirmed the importance of the ASEAN Chair to continue to participate in the G-20 Summits on a regular basis.

9. We welcomed the establishment of the ASEAN Plus Three Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) in April 2011, which will contribute to early detection of risks, swift implementation of remedial actions, and effective decision-making of the Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation (CMIM). We encouraged the study on the design of a possible crisis prevention function for CMIM. We welcomed the progress of Asian Bond Markets Initiative (ABMI), including the establishment of the Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility (CGIF) and the timely development of the Asian Bond Market Forum (ABMF), which will contribute to regional economic stability and resilience. We also encouraged current studies on priority areas of future regional financial cooperation.

10. We noted the ASEAN Report on the Emerging Regional Architecture and commended the ASEAN Plus Working Groups (APWGs) for their work on consolidating the ASEAN Plus One FTAs and looking into the recommendations in the East Asia Free Trade Area (EAFTA) and Comprehensive Economic Partnership in East Asia (CEPEA) Studies, particularly in the areas of rules of origin, tariff nomenclature, customs procedures, and economic cooperation. We shared the view that substantive work has been carried out and that it was important to sustain the momentum generated by the EAFTA and CEPEA Studies as well as the ASEAN Plus process. We also welcomed the

constructive joint proposal of China and Japan to establish three new working groups for trade and investment liberalization under the EAFTA and CEPEA.

11. We reaffirmed that the ASEAN Plus Three process would continue to be a main vehicle to achieve the long-term goal of building an East Asian community in which the East Asia Summit plays a significant role in the regional community building process. We reaffirmed our strong support for ASEAN's central role in the evolving regional architecture.

12. We noted the adoption of the ASEAN Framework for Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership at the 19th ASEAN Summit. We also noted that the Framework reiterates the importance of ASEAN centrality in the regional economic integration process and sets out the general principles for broadening and deepening ASEAN's engagement with its FTA partners, using as a basis the ASEAN Plus One FTAs and the template that would be developed taking into account the EAFTA and CEPEA initiatives, with a view to considering appropriate next steps for further regional economic integration. We welcomed the decision made by ASEAN, taking into account the joint proposal of Japan and China, to establish ASEAN Plus Working Groups in the areas of Trade in Goods, Trade in Services, and Investment noting in particular that the Working Group on Trade in Goods, that would be set up in early 2012, would also be tasked to follow-up on the outcome of the APWGs on Rules of Origin, Tariff Nomenclature, and Customs Procedures.

13. We reaffirmed our commitment to promote food security in the region in terms of availability, accessibility, diversity, and utilization. We encouraged the increase of production and productivity through greater investment as well as enhanced support in capacity building, research, as well as technological development and transfer in the agricultural sector. In this context, we welcomed steady implementation of the ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS) and its further development based on the Proposal of Post-2012 AFSIS.

14. We also expressed our satisfaction by the signing of the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Agreement on 7 October 2011 in Jakarta, Indonesia, as a permanent mechanism to ensure food security in the region in time of need. We deliberated on the possibility of establishing modalities to achieve the same aims for other staple foods.

15. We also reaffirmed our commitment to ensure energy security in the region by promoting energy diversification through information exchanges and researches on alternative, new, and renewable energy development, as well as energy conservation, energy efficiency, and the use of clean and environmentally-friendly technologies.

16. We expressed our solidarity and support for the Government and People of Japan in their recovery and reconstruction efforts. We also expressed confidence of the early reconstruction of Japan. To this end, Japan continually provides necessary information such as the current radioactivity level in the affected area in a timely manner. To this end, Japan would continually provide necessary information, such as the current radioactivity level in the affected area in a timely manner. ASEAN Plus Three, in turn, would consider appropriate review to relax restrictions on imports from Japan after the

nuclear accident in order to promote trade, investment, travel, and people-to-people links in the region.

17. We welcomed Japan's proposal to hold an international conference/seminar in 2012 to share its experiences and lessons learned from the Great East Japan Earthquake on 11 March 2011, as well as to host the Third World Conference on Disaster Reduction in 2015. We shared the view that ASEAN Plus Three countries should further strengthen regional cooperation in disaster preparedness and relief management to promote a disaster resilient society in the region.

18. We expressed our condolences and sympathies to ASEAN Member States affected by the recent devastating floods. We see the need to enhance cooperation on flood mitigation and sustainable water resource management as provided under the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Work Plan (2007-2017). We tasked our relevant Ministers and officials to come up with concrete plans and proposals to enhance this cooperation.

19. We expressed our support to fully utilize the recently launched ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) to ensure close cooperation and coordination. We underlined the need to focus on enhancing our collective capacity, namely through disaster relief exercises invoking appropriate civil-military components in disaster rapid and effective response, as well as the development of a regional arrangement to remove or minimize a number of bottlenecks that impede the timely delivery of support.

20. We decided to further explore the possibility of establishing a crisis management center to respond quickly and effectively to various emergencies, including natural disaster and financial crisis, in the region by coordinating the various mechanisms under the ASEAN Plus Three cooperation framework.

21. We reiterated our strong commitment in strengthening cooperation and joint efforts to promote common development and to address common challenges of education in the region. We welcomed the convening of the first Informal ASEAN Plus Three Education Ministers Meeting on 18 July 2011 in Bali, Indonesia, which discussed initiatives, strategies, and future direction, as well as reviewed the progress of the education cooperation under the framework of ASEAN Plus Three cooperation. We support the finalization of the ASEAN Plus Three Plan of Action on Education (2010-2017) for adoption at the Ministerial Level, and looked forward to the implementation of the said Plan of Action.

22. The ASEAN Leaders appreciated the Plus Three Leaders' interest in supporting the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity. We agreed to harness the ASEAN Plus Three extensive mechanism to enhance regional connectivity. We appreciate Thailand's initiative to develop ASEAN Plus Three Partnership on Connectivity and offer to organize a workshop to work with all ASEAN Plus Three Countries in developing this initiative.

23. We welcomed the successful holding of the "International Symposium on Exchange among Universities with Quality Assurance in East Asian Region" hosted by Japan in September 2011 and reaffirmed the importance of promoting quality

assurance in higher education among ASEAN Plus Three countries. In this regard, we welcomed the progress of the “CAMPUS Asia” initiative by Japan, People’s Republic of China, and Republic of Korea and their intention to promote university exchanges with ASEAN countries.

24. We emphasized on the importance of enhancing cooperation to address climate change, with the sufficient financial and technological support by the developed countries, as well as cooperation in international negotiations toward a comprehensive and balanced outcome in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and mandate of the Bali Roadmap for the full, effective, and sustained implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Kyoto Protocol.

25. We noted the Memorandum No.8 on disaster management, cultural exchange, as well as trade and investment facilitation and connectivity, prepared by the Network of East Asian Think Tanks (NEAT) on 11-12 August 2011 in Da Nang, Viet Nam. We appreciated the contribution of NEAT and encouraged relevant ASEAN Plus Three sectoral bodies to look into NEAT’s policy recommendations. We also emphasized the need and importance of greater involvement of NEAT within the framework of the ASEAN Plus Three cooperation and with ASEAN Plus Three sectoral bodies’ activities to support the visions and actions of the East Asian community building process.

26. We welcomed the successful holding of the 9th East Asia Forum (EAF) Meeting on 15-17 September 2011 in Chengdu, the People’s Republic of China, with the theme of “Accelerating Regional Integration: Internal Growth Engine of East Asia”. We appreciated the Republic of Korea’s initiative to revitalize the EAF and took note of the concept paper on the EAF adopted at the 9th EAF Meeting.

27. We welcomed the successful first meeting of the East Asia Vision Group (EAVG) II held on 20-22 October 2011 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. In this regard, we also welcomed the Report of the Eminent Persons Group on the Establishment of the EAVG II and we looked forward to the final report of the EAVG II at the 15th ASEAN Plus Three Summit in 2012. We underscored the need for the EAVG II to hold sessions with relevant sectoral bodies and other ASEAN Plus Three-led initiatives to take stock all previous and current activities in order to provide a comprehensive and integrated recommendation on the future direction of the ASEAN Plus Three cooperation.

28. We shared the view on the necessity to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation in 2012 and to mark the 15th ASEAN Plus Three Summit as an ASEAN Plus Three Commemorative Summit.

29. We expressed our full support to Lao PDR to host the 9th Asia-Europe Summit in Vientiane in 2012.
