

ASEAN LEADERS' STATEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO THE 17TH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC) AND THE 7TH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF PARTIES TO THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

WE, the Heads of State/Government of 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, Member States of ASEAN, on the occasion of the 19th ASEAN Summit (in Indonesia);

RECALLING our commitments made in the ASEAN Leaders' Statement on Joint Response to Climate Change (2010), the ASEAN Joint Statement on Climate Change to the 15th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 5th Session of the Conference of Parties serving as the Meeting of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (2009); the ASEAN Declaration on the 13th session of COP to the UNFCCC and the 3rd session of the CMP to the Kyoto Protocol (2007), and the ASEAN Declaration on Environmental Sustainability (2007);

EMPHASIZING that the Southeast Asian region is vulnerable to climate change due to its geological and geographical factors which will seriously affect most of aspects of livelihood and limit our development options for the future, including our efforts towards poverty eradication, sustainable development, and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;

RECOGNIZING the importance of sustainable management of forests and its role in forest conservation in ASEAN, which will contribute significantly to not only the international efforts to promote environmental sustainability and to address the adverse effects of climate change but also to achieve sustainable development;

UNDERLINING the urgency of achieving the objective of the UNFCCC to stabilize atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system and within a time-frame sufficient to allow ecosystems to adapt

naturally to climate change and to ensure that food production is not threatened as well as to enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner;

EMPHASIZING the urgent need to enhance awareness among all stakeholders to address the climate change issues;

TAKING FULL ACCOUNT of the scientific findings in the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which can be used as a solid foundation for international action;

WELCOMING decision 1/CP.16 of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC on the outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Long-term Cooperative Action: a shared vision for long-term cooperative action, enhanced actions on adaptation, enhanced actions on mitigation as well as finance, technology, and capacity building and calling for its full and timely implementation;

EMPHASIZING the need to provide necessary assistance and support to countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, as identified in the Convention;

EMPHASIZING decision 1/CMP.6 on the outcome of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol at its 15th session, which agreed to have its results adopted as early as possible and in time to ensure that there is no gap between the first and second commitment periods;

RECALLING the purpose of ASEAN to promote sustainable development for a clean and green ASEAN as envisioned in ASEAN Vision 2020;

RECOGNIZING the need for the development of communities resilient to climate change and supporting various regional and international initiatives on climate change;

NOTING the Multi-Sectoral Framework on Climate Change: Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Towards Food Security (AFCC Framework) which represents a comprehensive and strategic approach to address the impacts of climate change in those sectors.

DO HEREBY DECLARE TO:

1. Urge all Parties to the UNFCCC to work together to secure balanced, comprehensive, and legally binding agreements under the two-track process established under the Bali Roadmap and the Bali Action Plan of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA) and the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP), with a view to reducing global greenhouse gas emissions so as to hold the increase in global average temperature below 2°C above pre-industrial levels;
2. Encourage all ASEAN Member States to actively provide inputs to the Fifth Assessment Report (AR 5) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC);
3. Engage in scientific and technical cooperative activities among ASEAN countries to serve as a foundation to generate an ASEAN Report on Climate Change Impacts and Vulnerability;
4. Urge that all countries should contribute to addressing the common challenge of climate change, based on the principles of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, and that developed countries should play a leading role in this regard;
5. Urge developed countries to enhance their reporting on GHG inventories and implementation of their emission reduction commitments;
6. Urge developed countries to commit to a more ambitious quantified economy-wide emission reduction target by taking deeper cut of 25% to 40% on their GHG emissions compared to 1990 level and enhance implementation of their commitments taking into account their historical responsibilities;
7. Reaffirm our intention as developing countries to make active contributions to the global efforts through the development and implementation of Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) on a voluntary basis, in accordance with our different national circumstances, while welcoming new, additional, adequate financial and technical support that is made available to us, NAMAs seeking international supports should be recorded in a registry;
8. Agree to support initiatives at the UNFCCC aimed at increasing the transparency of the implementation of nationally appropriate mitigation commitments or actions by developed countries as well as the NAMAs by developing countries in line with decision 1/CP.16 of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC;

9. Further reaffirm our works and commitments not only at the global level but also at regional level to incorporate adaptation and mitigation strategies into national development strategies and policies in line with principle of sustainable development;
10. Urge all Parties to the UNFCCC to work constructively together to accelerate action on technology development and transfer, consistent with international obligations;
11. Reaffirm that Parties should cooperate to promote a supportive and open international economic system that would lead to sustainable economic growth and development in all Parties, particularly developing country Parties, thus enabling them better to address the problems of climate change; measures taken to combat climate change including unilateral ones, should not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade;
12. Further urge all Parties to the UNFCCC to work cooperatively towards the success of fully creating and the functioning of the new institutions under Green Climate Fund, Technology Mechanism, Adaptation Framework, and Registry established under Decision 1/CP.16 of the UNFCCC;
13. Highlight the importance of transparency and accountability to ensure effectiveness of the new established institutions and frameworks;
14. Underline the importance of strengthening and continuing the Clean Development Mechanism of the Kyoto Protocol as an essential instrument to accelerate the development, deployment, transfer, and investment in climate-friendly technology as well as in achieving the sustainable development objectives of developing countries;
15. Further Invite relevant UN agencies, international financial institutions, and multilateral development banks to contribute in developing the design process of creating appropriate and implementable instruments for financing;
16. Urge developed country Parties to support developing countries, through multilateral and bilateral channels in undertaking concrete actions with full financing options on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD), the role of forest conservation, sustainable management of forests , and the enhancement of forest carbon stocks, ensuring that all ASEAN countries are able to benefit from the resources to support sustainable development and respect the rights and improve the livelihood of local communities in developing countries;
17. Continue to exchange views among ASEAN Member States on international climate negotiations under the UNFCCC towards

- COP 17 and CMP 7 in South Africa and thereafter as well as other related international conferences through ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC) and meetings organized on the margins of climate change talks under the UNFCCC; and
18. Commit ourselves to actively contributing towards a successful outcome of the COP 17 and CMP 7;
 19. Agree to enhance cooperation and collaboration among ASEAN Member States to support the implementation of this Statement and task the relevant ASEAN ministerial and sectoral bodies dealing with climate change to carry on the cooperation in implementing the objective of this Statement.

Adopted in Bali, Indonesia, this Seventeenth Day of November in the Year of Two Thousand and Eleven.