

**ASEAN LEADERS' STATEMENT ON COOPERATION IN
FLOOD PREVENTION, MITIGATION, RELIEF,
RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION**

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;

EXPRESSING deep sympathy and condolences to fellow ASEAN Member States that have been affected by massive floods for the loss of lives and damage to property and economic assets;

RECOGNISING the short-term and long-term impacts of massive flooding on people's livelihoods, the national and regional economies, agricultural production and food security and the regional and global industrial supply chain;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre), in cooperation with other disaster management facilities and centers in the region, play an important role in enhancing regional capacities in disaster management and mitigation, as well as improving coordination in regional disaster response and resources mobilization to disaster affected areas;

NOTING the Decision of the Third ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting in Pattaya, Thailand, on 25-27 February 2009, to use ASEAN military assets and capacities in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR);

EMPHASISING the need to forge regional cooperation in the area of flood prevention, mitigation, relief, recovery, and rehabilitation as part of our efforts on disaster management, to better cope with increasingly unpredictable weather conditions which may be attributable to climate change;

NOTING the Statement by the Chair of ASEAN on Floods in Southeast Asia issued on 12 October 2011;

REAFFIRMING the commitment to build a disaster-resilient ASEAN Community that is well-prepared for and is able to effectively respond to and recover quickly from natural disasters;

WELCOMING the signing of the Agreement on ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve in Jakarta on 7 October 2011;

DO HEREBY agree to:

1. Further enhance cooperation in disaster risk management and mitigation, through, among others, the sharing of best practices in this area and in management of water resources, with a view to alleviating floods that would not only pose a threat to human lives, national and regional economies, and the well-being of our peoples, but also affect agricultural production and regional food security, as well as regional and global industrial supply chain;
2. Enhance cooperation in post-disaster relief, recovery and rehabilitation, and improve the effectiveness of coordination of such efforts;
3. Strengthen the role of the Secretary-General of ASEAN as the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator, and enhance the capacity and ensure sustainability of the AHA Centre in facilitating cooperation among Member States and with the Partners in disaster management;
4. Task the Secretary-General of ASEAN and the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM), in consultation with the relevant sectoral bodies, to look at how ASEAN can better coordinate and prepare for flood disasters; to make recommendations on possible areas of cooperation in flood prevention, mitigation,

preparedness, response, recovery and rehabilitation among ASEAN and between ASEAN and its Partners in terms of expertise and resources; and to follow-up on implementation of this Statement, and to report to the ASEAN Coordinating Council through the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council.

Adopted at Bali, Indonesia, this Seventeenth of November in the Year Two Thousand and Eleven at the 19th ASEAN Summit.