



## **“ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations”**

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### **CHAIRMAN’S STATEMENT OF THE 14<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) SUMMIT BALI, INDONESIA, 18 NOVEMBER 2011**

1. The 14<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-ROK Summit, chaired by H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, was held on 18 November 2011 in Bali, Indonesia. The Heads of State/Government of ASEAN Member States had a substantive meeting with H.E. Mr. Lee Myung-bak, President of the Republic of Korea.
2. The noted with satisfaction the substantive progress of the ASEAN-ROK relations over the past 21 years since the establishment of dialogue relations in 1989. Significant progress also achieved in the implementation of the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-ROK Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity and its Plan of Action for 2011 - 2015.
3. The ASEAN Leaders appreciated the ROK’s firm and consistent support for ASEAN Community building and ASEAN’s role as the driving force in an evolving regional architecture.
4. The ASEAN Leaders welcomed and appreciated the ROK’s announcement to send a resident Ambassador to ASEAN and the establishment of the Korean Mission to ASEAN in Jakarta in 2012. We agreed that the Korean Mission to ASEAN in Jakarta in order to serve as an important channel that will further enhance and deepen mutual understanding and cooperation within the framework of ASEAN-ROK strategic partnership.
5. The ROK Leader welcomed the conclusion of the negotiations between ASEAN and the Nuclear-Weapon States (NWSs) to enable NWSs to accede the South East Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (SEANWFZ) Protocol which will further contribute to the maintenance of regional peace and security.
6. We welcomed the entry into force of all Agreements under the ASEAN – Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA) and noted the developments of their implementation.
7. We also welcomed the growing trade between ASEAN and the ROK which reached USD 75 billion in 2009, and reached USD 97,2 billion in 2010. In this regard, we renewed our commitment to achieve the target of increasing two-way trade volume to

US\$ 150 billion by 2015. To this end, we agreed to task our relevant Ministers to develop measures to foster an increased trade between ASEAN and the ROK.

8. We reaffirmed our commitment to promote the greater role of the small and medium size enterprises to fully utilize the benefits of the AKFTA. The Summit also acknowledged the need to enhance ASEAN-ROK economic cooperation to promote regional resilience to the potential impact of global economic crisis.

9. The ROK reaffirmed its commitment to support the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity. The ASEAN Leaders invited the ROK to participate in the implementation of 15 projects of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity, as well as other projects related to 84 key actions. The ASEAN Leaders appreciated the ROK's active role and cooperation with ASEAN in such priority areas as transport, information and communication technology (ICT), energy, finance, people-to-people contact, tourism, education and human resource development.

10. The ASEAN Leaders are keen to learn from the experiences of the ROK in flood prevention and water management and look forward to enhance cooperation with the ROK on best practices in water management.

11. The ASEAN Leaders invited the ROK to enhance cooperation in post harvest technology, including food storage, processing, preservation and distribution as stipulated in the *ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve Agreement (APTERR)*.

12. ASEAN Leaders welcomed the continued support of the ROK in disaster management and looked forward for the ROK support to the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) on many fields as elaborated in the ASEAN Agreement in Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER).

13. The ASEAN Leaders welcomed the ROK's initiative of Low-Carbon Green Growth and expressed their readiness to cooperate through any mechanisms including the East Asia Climate Partnership to support ASEAN Member States in responding to climate change and maintaining sustainable development. We agreed to explore and develop concrete projects in areas such as forestry and marine resources.

14. We welcomed the signing of the Agreement between ASEAN and the ROK on Forest Cooperation in Bali on 18 November, 2011, aiming to strengthen forestry cooperation and enhance the capacity in dealing with climate change in the region. We agreed to promote cooperation for the implementation of the Agreement, thereby building a foundation for the future establishment of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization.

15. We were encouraged by the establishment and operation of the ASEAN-Korea Centre in Seoul. We attached great importance to the Centre as it serves as an important channel to further promote trade, investment, tourism and cultural exchanges between ASEAN and the ROK. We noted with appreciation the ASEAN-Korea Centre which has successfully organized a series of activities.

16. We noted with satisfaction that the inaugural Mekong-ROK Foreign Ministers' Meeting was successfully convened in Seoul on 27-28 October, 2011. We attached great

importance to the Mekong-ROK cooperation mechanism, as it contributes to narrowing the development gap in the region and supports ASEAN's efforts for regional integration.

17. We stressed the importance of maintaining peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and reaffirmed our support for the complete and verifiable and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula in a peaceful manner. We highlighted the successful meeting between officials of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the ROK on the margin of the ASEAN Regional Forum in Bali last July that exemplified how ASEAN and ASEAN-led mechanisms could create a conducive environment to hold dialogues and consultation on different issues and problems. We also expressed full support for the continuation of various forms of bilateral talks which will contribute to creating a conducive atmosphere toward the resumption of the Six-Party Talks.

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