WE the undersigned, representing member countries in the ASEAN, attending the Fifth
Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry in Singapore on 20 - 22
October, 1983 upon the invitation of His Excellency, Mr. Teh Cheang Wan, Minister for
National Development, Singapore;

RECALLING the Declaration of ASEAN Concord signed in Ball, Indonesia on 24th
February 1976, which provides that ASEAN member countries shall take cooperative
action in their national and regional development programmes;

REAFFIRMING the principles guiding ASEAN cooperation in the field of food and
agriculture to promote a strong, peaceful and resilient ASEAN community;

NOTING the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, particularly the
provisions relating to Exclusive Economic Zones, and the impact it will have on
fisheries development in the ASEAN region;

BELIEVING that management and conservation of fisheries resources of Exclusives
Economic Zones in ASEAN region rest with the Government of ASEAN, and that closer
cooperation is necessary among the ASEAN member countries;

RECOGNISING the significant contribution by the fisheries sector, to the
socioeconomic welfare of the rural population and to rural development;

DO HEREBY DECLARE that we have reached consensus, and will take necessary
action toward closer cooperation in the following areas of fisheries:

A. In the management and conservation of the fisheries resources of the Exclusive
Economic Zones in the ASEAN region through:
   (i) exchanging Fisheries information and expertise relevant to Fisheries
development and management.

   (ii) coordinating action in Fisheries resources research activities undertaken by
national institutes in the member countries;

   (iii) undertaking appropriate action in the evaluation and management of shared
stocks and migratory species in the ASEAN region;

   (iv) undertaking appropriate action for the rational utilization of fisheries in
Exclusive Economic Zones.

B. In the sharing and transfer of technology at all levels to improve the socioeconomic
status of the fishermen;

C. in all aspects of Aquaculture to increase production and income of fish farmers;

D. in all aspects of Post-Harvest Technology in support of production and marketing efforts;

E. In promoting the trade and marketing of fish and fishery products among the ASEAN countries as well as with other countries;

F. In identifying common areas for commercial cooperation in fisheries; and

G. in working towards a common stand and understanding on regional and international matters in fisheries.

DONE at Singapore on the Twenty-Second day of October, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three, in six original copies.

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