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JOINT STATEMENT OF THE HAPUA COUNCIL MEMBERS, 2013

1. The HAPUA Council reiterates its commitment to accelerate the implementation of the ASEAN Power Grid (APG) in support of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity. In addition to supporting the recommendation by HAPUA Working Group No. 2 on APG on dividing ASEAN interconnections into 3 potentially inter-connected blocks/regions, the HAPUA Council recommended further actions to be taken as follows:
 - a) Sustained stepped-up efforts to harmonize the common technical standard and system operation procedures to ensure reliability and security of system operation, performance and safety in generation and transmission of electricity in any future interconnections.
 - b) Identification of an efficient and effective framework on taxation and customs tariff in order to accelerate investments in the development of APG projects.
2. The HAPUA Council fully acknowledges and highly values the crucial role of renewable energy in the sustainable supply of energy for the ASEAN region. However, to meet the fast growing demand for electricity and expectation of affordable electricity tariffs in the region, the development of large scale power generation plants such as hydropower, clean-coal power plants, and



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perhaps nuclear option are indispensable. The HAPUA Council further recognizes that a development of any generation project in any ASEAN member countries, that has the potential contribution beyond one country, should be celebrated and valued by all other ASEAN member countries.

3. The HAPUA Council reaffirms its commitment to achieve collective target of 15% renewable energy in its generation mix.

4. The HAPUA Council reaffirms its commitment to pursue key initiatives and programs on the enhancement of capability building within the ASEAN utilities. The compilation of list of expertise in all relevant disciplines will be implemented in order to expedite information, knowledge and experience exchange. Specifically in the areas of generation, in-house and external expertise in clean-coal technology, nuclear as well as shale gas that will be nurtured and developed. Acknowledging its own limitation, the HAPUA Council urges and authorizes all the five HAPUA Working Groups to engage external stakeholders, as the case may be, through the HAPUA Secretariat for necessary support and assistance.

5. The HAPUA Council recognizes that the ASEAN Center for Energy (ACE) plays a vital role in promoting debates, exchanges of ideas and experience, research and policy analyses. Hence, the HAPUA Council further urges ACE to provide all members of HAPUA, HAPUA's strategic partners, and the ASEAN governments with recommendations on efficient and effective ways in which to realize the ASEAN Connectivity master plan.