STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS ON THE IMPACT OF TYPHOON HAIYAN ON THE PHILIPPINES

The Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations wish to express their heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy to the Government and people of the Republic of the Philippines following the devastating impact of Typhoon Haiyan.

As our Secretary-General coordinates ASEAN’s humanitarian assistance and response, we reaffirm our commitment to the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response of 2005 and to the safety and welfare of the people we represent, especially during such times of extreme suffering.

The Association will offer its strongest support in the work of recovery and in restoring hope and confidence to the people of our community who have experienced such terrible personal loss.

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