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**ASEAN Chairman's Statement
on the ASEAN Post Ministerial Conferences (PMC) +1 Sessions
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1. The ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference (PMC) +1 Sessions with ASEAN's ten Dialogue Partners, namely Australia, Canada, China, the European Union, India, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, and the United States were held in Phuket, Thailand on 22 July 2009.

Australia

2. The ASEAN PMC+1 with Australia was co-chaired by H.E. Kasit Piromya, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, and the Honourable Stephen Smith, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia. The Meeting reviewed the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-Australia Comprehensive Partnership and agreed to enhance cooperation in the areas of economic integration, narrowing the development gap, environmental sustainability, disaster management, climate change, pandemics, people smuggling and people-to-people contact, particularly in the field of education. The Meeting also looked forward to Australia hosting the 5th Regional Interfaith Dialogue in Perth in October 2009.

3. The Meeting appreciated Australia's role in development cooperation and welcomed the signing of the MOU on the Second Phase of the ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Program, valued at A\$ 57 million. The Meeting looked forward to the early ratification of the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area, which will enhance a closer economic partnership between the two regions. The Meeting appreciated Australia's contribution of A\$ 13 million to the Mekong River Commission and A\$ 1.2 million to promote trade along key regional transport corridors in the Greater Mekong Sub-region.

4. The Meeting appreciated Australia's elaboration of the Asia-Pacific community proposal and looked forward to PM Kevin Rudd's briefing on this proposal in October 2009 and the convening of a one-and-a-half track conference on this matter.

5. The Meeting thanked Thailand as the outgoing Country Coordinator for ASEAN-Australia relations and welcomed Singapore as the incoming Country Coordinator.

Canada

6. The ASEAN PMC+1 with Canada was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Pham Quang Vinh, Assistant Foreign Minister of Viet Nam, and the Honourable Deepak Obhrai, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of International Cooperation of Canada. The Meeting adopted the Joint

Declaration on the ASEAN-Canada Enhanced Partnership which was comprehensive, action-oriented and forward-looking and tasked the senior officials to formulate its Work Plan, particularly in the areas of infrastructure development, counter-terrorism and transnational crimes, human rights as well as interfaith and inter-cultural dialogue. The Meeting agreed to work towards the conclusion of the ASEAN-Canada Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) to enhance trade and investment relations.

7. The Meeting encouraged Canada to increase its engagement with ASEAN through its accession to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC). The Meeting also took note of Canada's request for ASEAN's support in its candidature for the seat of Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council for 2011-2012.

8. The Meeting thanked Viet Nam as the outgoing Country Coordinator for ASEAN-Canada relations and welcomed Thailand as the incoming Country Coordinator.

China

9. The ASEAN PMC+1 with China was co-chaired by HRH Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Brunei Darussalam, and H.E. Yang Jiechi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China. The Meeting agreed to explore ways and means to further strengthen ASEAN-China economic cooperation in all dimensions, particularly through the full realisation of the ASEAN-China FTA and the signing of ASEAN-China Investment Agreement at the ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting in August 2009. The Meeting also welcomed China's plan to provide US\$ 15 billion commercial credit, including US\$ 1.7 billion preferential loans, to ASEAN Member States in the next 3-5 years.

10. The Meeting appreciated China's active role in developing transportation infrastructure between ASEAN and China and welcomed the establishment of the US\$ 10 billion ASEAN-China Fund for Investment Cooperation which would significantly contribute to the infrastructure construction in the region. The Meeting welcomed China's commitment to strengthening sub-regional cooperation which will contribute to the overall development of ASEAN-China cooperation.

11. The Meeting also welcomed China's readiness to work with ASEAN in areas such as new energy and renewable energy development, bio-diversity and maritime ecological conservation. China would also strengthen collaboration with ASEAN in the areas of disaster prevention and monitoring, emergency coordination, post-disaster reconstruction as well as vaccine development, deployment of stockpiles of protective equipment and the application of traditional medicines to jointly prevent and control the Influenza A (H1N1) and other new communicable diseases.

12. The Meeting thanked Brunei Darussalam as the outgoing Country Coordinator for ASEAN-China relations and welcomed Viet Nam as the incoming Country Coordinator

European Union

13. The ASEAN PMC+1 with the European Union (EU) was co-chaired by H.E. Mr Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, and H.E. Mr. Javier Solana, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy. The EU welcomed the progress in the implementation of the ASEAN Charter and praised ASEAN's resolve to launch the Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights in October 2009. The EU expressed its support for ASEAN Community building process and ASEAN's central role in the evolving regional architecture. The EU underlined its strong will to continue to support the regional dialogue process in a view of accession to the TAC and its participation in the East Asia Summit (EAS).

14. The Meeting recalled successful outcome of the 17th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in May 2009, and agreed to ensure a timely implementation of the Phnom Penh Agenda for the Implementation of the ASEAN-EU Plan of Action (2009-2010). The Meeting agreed to further intensify cooperation in addressing the development gap, global financial crisis, climate change, pandemics and emerging infectious diseases, energy and food security, people-to-people exchange, and disaster management. The Meeting expressed support for continued implementation of existing ASEAN-EU mechanisms including the Trans-Regional EU-ASEAN Trade Initiative (TREATI), the Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (READI), and the ASEAN Programme for Regional Integration Support (APRIS) II. The Meeting took note of the current state of the ASEAN-EU FTA negotiations and agreed to maintain the ultimate long term objective of a region-to-region agreement.

15. The Meeting recalled the signing of the Declaration on Accession to the TAC by the European Union and European Community and the ASEAN Declaration of Consent to the Accession to the TAC by the European Union and European Community in Phnom Penh in 2009. The EU appreciated the ASEAN Chair's efforts to finalise the Third Protocol to enable the EU's accession to the TAC as early as possible. In this regard, the Meeting looked forward to the next ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting to be held in Spain in 2010.

16. The Meeting thanked Cambodia as the outgoing Country Coordinator for ASEAN-EU relations and welcomed Brunei Darussalam as the incoming Country Coordinator.

India

17. The ASEAN PMC+1 with India was co-chaired by H.E. Dr. N. Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, and H.E. S.M. Krishna, Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India. The Meeting expressed satisfaction over the progress in the ASEAN-India

Cooperation and agreed that a new and more enhanced phase of the Plan of Action to implement the Partnership for Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity be launched before the next ASEAN-India Summit in order to seize the opportunities and overcome the challenges arising from the evolving political and economic landscape.

18. The Meeting looked forward to the signing of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement at the earliest opportunity and tasked the officers to work towards the early conclusion of services and investment agreements. In anticipation of ASEAN-India Free Trade Area, the meeting welcomed Thailand's proposal to set up an ASEAN-India Business Council and requested ASEAN BAC CCI to explore the feasibility of establishing such Council with their Indian counterpart. The Meeting highlighted the importance of transportation linkages between ASEAN and India as key to complement regional integration.

19. The Meeting looked forward to the early operationalisation of the ASEAN-India Science and Technology Fund and the ASEAN-India Green Fund in order to support cooperation in areas of science and technology and environment. The Meeting appreciated India's active role in narrowing development gap, human resource development and pharmaceuticals and health care. The Meeting welcomed India's continued efforts in promoting people-to-people contacts and mutual understanding through visits to India and encouraged exchanges of visits of ASEAN-India parliamentarians with the involvement of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly which would also promote democratic values.

20. The Meeting took note of the three initiatives by the Indian side, including utilization of Earth Station in Biak, Indonesia, for framing project proposal in space science for ASEAN Member States, the Indian offer to host ASEAN-India Agricultural Ministerial Meeting at mutually convenient dates, and cooperation between selected technological institutes of ASEAN Countries with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT).

21. The Meeting thanked Indonesia as the outgoing Country Coordinator for ASEAN-India relations and welcomed Cambodia as the incoming Country Coordinator

Japan

22. The ASEAN PMC+1 with Japan was co-chaired by H.E. Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and H.E. Hirofumi Nakasone, Minister for

Foreign Affairs of Japan. The Meeting appreciated Japan's assistance to narrow the development gap and support ASEAN integration based on Japan-ASEAN Strategic Partnership. In this connection, the Meeting welcomed Japan's initiative to promote development of the Mekong Sub-region and the BIMP-EAGA. The Meeting also welcomed the first Japan-Mekong Summit scheduled to be held this year. The Meeting also appreciated the "Growth Initiative towards Doubling the Size of Asia's Economy" to strengthen Asia's growth potential and expand their domestic demand through such measures as ODA of up to US\$ 20 billion, a new line of trade insurance for infrastructure development amounting to US\$ 20 billion, and the facilitation of trade finance of additional US\$ 22 billion for two years. In this regard, the Meeting noted the role of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) to develop policy recommendation including a coherent master plan for promoting sub-regional development together with other relevant institutions. The Meeting appreciated Japan's financial contributions of US\$ 62 million to Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) as emergency assistance to the ASEAN Member States affected by the crisis. The Meeting recognized the need to exert greater efforts to expand trade and investment in the region through the ASEAN-Japan Closer Economic Partnership (AJCEP) Agreement.

23. The Meeting stressed the importance of strengthening an ASEAN identity through people-to-people exchange among ASEAN Member States as well as between ASEAN and Dialogue Partners. In this connection, the Meeting highly valued the ongoing exchanges under the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) Programme which has received approximately 3,500 youths from ASEAN since May 2007. The Meeting noted Japan's proposal to invite young teachers under this programme. The Meeting also appreciated the holding of "The Japan-ASEAN Students' Conference" scheduled in October 2009. The Meeting shared the importance of a public outreach program with a view to promoting public awareness towards ASEAN. The Meeting also recognized the importance of ASEAN-Japan Center in promoting trade, investment, and tourism as well as in raising public awareness on ASEAN.

24. In order to effectively respond to the outbreak of pandemics, the Meeting welcomed the provision of a total of 500,000 courses of anti-virals in each ASEAN Member States to tackle avian influenza as well as influenza A (H1N1), in addition to the existing stockpiling of 500,000 courses of anti-virals in Singapore.

25. The Meeting recognised the importance of building the ASEAN Community based on universal values and norms and noted Japan's willingness to assist this process.

26. The Meeting thanked the Lao PDR as the outgoing Country Coordinator for ASEAN-Japan relations and welcomed Indonesia as the incoming Country Coordinator.

New Zealand

27. The ASEAN PMC+1 with New Zealand was co-chaired by H.E. U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, and the Honourable Murray McCully, Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand. The Meeting reviewed the ASEAN-New Zealand Framework for Cooperation 2006-

2010 and agreed to consider deepening cooperation in the areas of counter-terrorism, pandemics preparedness, disaster management and risk mitigation and response, human resources development, education, people-to-people exchanges, business linkages, and tourism. The Meeting agreed to draft a second Framework for Cooperation for the year 2010-2015 to include areas of cooperation that will contribute to ASEAN integration by 2015.

28. New Zealand reaffirmed its commitment to support ASEAN with its regional integration activities to achieve an ASEAN Community by 2015. The Meeting agreed to consider holding an ASEAN-New Zealand Commemorative Summit in 2010 to mark the 35th Anniversary of ASEAN-New Zealand dialogue partnership.

29. The Meeting thanked Myanmar as the outgoing Country Coordinator for ASEAN-New Zealand relations and welcomed Malaysia as the incoming Country Coordinator.

The ROK

30. The ASEAN PMC+1 with the Republic of Korea was co-chaired by H.E. Datuk Anifah Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, and H.E. Yu Myung Hwan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea (ROK). The Meeting welcomed the successful convening of the ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit congratulating the 20th Anniversary of ASEAN-ROK dialogue relations on 1-2 June 2009 on Jeju Island and the Opening of the ASEAN-Korea Centre in Seoul on 13 March 2009. The Meeting also welcomed the establishment of the ASEAN-ROK Eminent Persons Group (EPG) and looked forward to its recommendations at the 12th ASEAN-ROK Summit in Thailand.

31. The Meeting congratulated the signing of the ASEAN-ROK Investment Agreement and agreed to enhance our cooperation with the ROK to realise the various targets set forth by our Leaders including the increase in two-way trade volume to US\$ 150 billion by 2015 through the ASEAN-ROK FTA.

32. The Meeting appreciated the ROK's strong support to ASEAN as manifested by President Lee Myung Bak's 'New Asia Initiative'. The Meeting also welcomed the ROK's initiative to establish US\$ 200 million East Asia Climate Change Partnership Fund and its commitment to allocate US\$ 100 million from this Fund to the ASEAN Member States to deal with climate change.

33. The Meeting thanked Malaysia as the outgoing Country Coordinator for ASEAN-ROK relations and welcomed the Lao PDR as the incoming Country Coordinator.

Russia

34. The ASEAN PMC+1 with the Russian Federation was co-chaired by H.E. Alberto G. Romulo, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Philippines, and H.E. Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. The Meeting reviewed the ASEAN-Russia Comprehensive Programme of Action to Promote Cooperation 2005-2015 and agreed to deepen cooperation in counter-terrorism and combating transnational crimes, science and technology, people-to-people contact, business and energy. The Meeting welcomed Russia's additional US\$750,000 contribution to the Dialogue Partnership Financial Fund for cooperation projects. The Meeting welcomed the signing of the MOU on the Establishment of the ASEAN Centre in Moscow with a view to launching the Centre at the Moscow State University of International Relations (MGIMO) later this year. In keeping with the momentum in ASEAN-Russia dialogue relations, the Meeting agreed to convene the Second ASEAN-Russia Summit in the near future. In this regard, the Ministers encouraged the early convening of a Working Group to identify concrete deliverables of the Summit.

35. The Meeting thanked the Philippines as the outgoing Country Coordinator for ASEAN-Russia relations and welcomed Myanmar as the incoming Country Coordinator.

USA

36. The ASEAN PMC+1 with the US was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. George Yeo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore, and the Honourable Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State of the US. The Meeting welcomed the attendance of the Secretary of State to the PMC after her first visit to the ASEAN Secretariat in February 2009. The Meeting also welcomed the renewed interest of the Obama Administration in Southeast Asia and ASEAN as well as its commitment to setting up a US Mission to ASEAN in Jakarta as soon as possible. The Meeting also agreed to work towards convening an ASEAN-US Commemorative Summit in the near future.

37. The Meeting welcomed the US's accession to the TAC and the adoption of the revised Priorities for Cooperation under the ASEAN-US Enhanced Partnership which would reinvigorate the cooperation between ASEAN and the US and would contribute positively to ASEAN community-building efforts. The Meeting acknowledged the need to make progress in the development of the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) and agreed to collectively address the global economic crisis. The Meeting reaffirmed ASEAN's commitment to work closely with the US towards the successful

conclusion of the ASEAN-US Science and Technology Agreement, and expansion of the ASEAN-US Fulbright Scholarship and Training Program. The Philippines proposed to host a Special DG Meeting and a Special SOM to chart directions for ASEAN-US cooperation in the next three years.

38. The Meeting took note of the priority policies of the US, particularly on climate change, pandemic diseases, global hunger, counter terrorism, as well as its plan to double its official development assistance in the next five years.

39. The Meeting thanked Singapore as the outgoing Country Coordinator for ASEAN-US relations and welcomed the Philippines as the incoming Country Coordinator.
