

2011 JOINT DECLARATION OF THE ASEAN DEFENCE MINISTERS ON STRENGTHENING DEFENCE COOPERATION OF ASEAN IN THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY TO FACE NEW CHALLENGES

Signed by Defence Ministers in Jakarta, Indonesia on 19 May 2011

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We, Defence Ministers of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, the Minister for Education and Second Minister for Defence of the Republic of Singapore, and the Minister of Energy of Brunei Darussalam, assemble here in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 19 May 2011 for the 5th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM);

REAFFIRMING the commitments to implement the principles and purposes enshrined in the ASEAN Charter;

RECALLING the significance of the inauguration of ADMM on 9 May 2006 in Kuala Lumpur as a historic event in the evolution of ASEAN which established a new sectoral ministerial body within ASEAN to ensure peace and stability in the region;

RECOGNIZING the aim of the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) to build a cohesive, peaceful, stable and resilient region with shared responsibility and a dynamic and outward-looking region in an increasingly integrated and interdependent world;

COMMENDING the significant progress made by the ADMM since its establishment in strengthening security and defence cooperation and contributing towards the realization of the APSC by 2015;

RECALLING the central and proactive role of ASEAN in a regional architecture that is open, transparent and inclusive while remaining actively engaged, forward looking and non-discriminatory;

WELCOMING the establishment of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus), in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, in October 2010 to serve as a robust, effective, open and inclusive component of the regional security architecture, and which lays a strong foundation for the ADMM to cooperate with Dialogue Partners from the Plus countries to address common security challenges;

REAFFIRMING ASEAN's consensus-based decision making process in ADMM and ASEAN's central role in the ADMM-Plus;

REAFFIRMING the important role of the inaugural ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting-Plus (ADSOM-Plus) in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on 29 April 2011, in implementing the decisions and directions of the ADMM-Plus;

WELCOMING the ADSOM-Plus adoption of the Concept Paper on Establishing an Experts' Working Group (EWG) in defining the key principles and modalities for the EWGs to operate under the auspices of the ADMM-Plus;

WELCOMING the ADSOM-Plus approval of the establishment of the five EWGs on maritime security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, counter-terrorism, military medicine, and peacekeeping operations, and their respective Workplans as concrete measures to further practical cooperation among ASEAN and Dialogue Partners from the Plus countries;

NOTING with satisfaction the results of the 8th ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces Informal Meeting (ACDFIM) which was held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 31 March 2011, including the inauguration of the ASEAN Military Operations Informal Meeting (AMOIM), to enhance practical cooperation among defence forces within ASEAN;

COGNIZANT of the emergence of non-traditional security challenges that are more complicated and transnational in nature;

DO HEREBY DECLARE TO:

1. **Adopt** the Three-Year Work Program, which will serve as guidance and make into priorities to the activities of the ADMM for the years of 2011-2013;
2. **Adopt** the Concept Paper on the Establishment of ASEAN Peacekeeping Centres Network, which seeks to enhance cooperation in peacekeeping among all ASEAN Member States including cooperation to facilitate and utilize existing national peacekeeping centres to conduct planning, training, and exchange of experiences for peacekeeping operations with a view to developing a regional arrangement for the maintenance of peace and stability in ASEAN Member States;
3. **Adopt** the Concept Paper on Establishing ASEAN Defence Industry Collaboration, to encourage the development of industrial and technological strength, and to seek opportunities to promote technological sharing based on the principle and basis of flexible, voluntary and non-binding participation by ASEAN Member States, and consistent with the rights and obligations of the ASEAN Member States under any existing agreements to which they are parties;
4. **Welcome** the result of the 2nd Workshop on the Use of ASEAN Military Assets and Capacities in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, which was held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 29 March 2011, which amongst others, recommended the establishment of the Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) to carry out practical cooperation for the conduct of effective operations in the use of military assets and capacities in HADR within the ASEAN military under the ACDFIM;
5. **Welcome** the initiative of Indonesia and Singapore to co-host the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Table-Top Exercise (ASEAN HADR TTX) to be held in both countries in July 2011 as a sign of positive progress in practical cooperation in HADR;
6. **Welcome** Thailand's efforts to follow up the convening of the 2nd Workshop on ASEAN Defence Establishment and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) on Non-Traditional Security (Disaster Management) held in June 2010 in Bangkok, Thailand to facilitate communication

among different stakeholders in HADR operations and to further streamline HADR coordination between military and CSOs;

7. **Strengthen** regional defence and security cooperation among ASEAN Member States through concrete and practical cooperation to address defence and common security issues;

8. **Reaffirm** ASEAN Member States' commitment to fully and effectively implement the Declaration on the Conduct of the Parties in the South China Sea, and to work towards the adoption of a regional Code of Conduct in the South China Sea that would further promote peace and stability in the region;

9. **Reaffirm** also the importance of regional peace and stability, and freedom of navigation in and overflight above the South China Sea as provided for by universally recognized principles of international law, including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);

10. **Uphold** the ADMM-Plus as an important platform to foster constructive engagement between ASEAN and its security partners on strategic as well as defence and security issues affecting the region.

11. **Support** the establishment of the ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Groups (EWGs) as platforms for practical cooperation between ASEAN and the Plus countries to strengthen the region's capacity and effectiveness in addressing common security challenges;

12. **Emphasise** the importance of maritime security issues in the region, and in this context, welcome the recommendations of the first ASEAN Maritime Forum (AMF) held in Surabaya, Indonesia on 28-29 July 2010, and ADMM's efforts to actively participate in the Forum;

13. **Support** the efforts on the finalization to develop the standard format for an ASEAN Security Outlook (ASO) based on the outcome of the regional seminar in Bali on 7-8 June 2010;

14. **Welcome** Cambodia's Chairmanship of ASEAN and its hosting of the 6th ADMM in 2012;

DONE in Jakarta, Indonesia, this Nineteenth Day of May in the Year Two Thousand and Eleven, in a single original copy in the English language.

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