

1984 ASEAN MINISTERIAL UNDERSTANDING ON ASEAN COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES

Signed in Manila, Philippines on 5 October 1984

WE the undersigned, representing member countries in the ASEAN, attending the Sixth Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry in Manila on 4 - 5 October, 1984 upon the invitation of His Excellency Dr. Salvador R. Escudero III, Minister of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of the Philippines;

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

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

NOTING the ASEAN member countries desire to jointly promote the development of cooperatives as a means of improving the living standard of the peoples of the Region as expressed in the Meeting of ASEAN Economic Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry in Chiang Mai, Thailand on 20 - 21 February, 1980;

BELIEVING that the growth and development of cooperatives in the Region need closer cooperation among ASEAN member countries;

DO HEREBY STATE that we have reached a consensus on the following:

- A. To implement a Programme of Action to promote the development of agricultural cooperatives in the ASEAN Region through:
 - i. exchanges of relevant information and experience among member countries;
 - ii. education and training of personnel and cooperators;
 - iii. research and development programmes; and
 - iv. other project activities related to agricultural cooperatives
- B. The need to establish an ASEAN Centre for the Development of Agricultural Cooperatives (ACEDAC) to be located in Jakarta, Indonesia with the task of implementing the abovementioned Programme of Action.

DONE in Manila, Philippines on the Fifth of October, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Four in seven original copies in the English language.

For the Government of Negara Brunei Darussalam: **DATO ABDUL RAHMAN TAIB**, Minister of Agriculture

For the Government of the Republic of Singapore: **ABDUL AZIZ BIN MAHMOOD**, Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore to the Republic of the Philippines

For the Government of the Republic of Indonesia: **ACHMAD AFFANDI**, Minister of Agriculture

For the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand: **NARONG WONGWAN**, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives

For the Government of Malaysia: **ANWAR IBARHIM**, Minister of Agriculture

For the Government of the Republic of Philippines: **SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III**, Minister of Agriculture and Food

ATTESTED BY: **PHAN WANNAMETHEE**, Secretary-General ASEAN Secretariat