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PREAMBLE

Taking into account the recent developments in ASEAN, in particular the entering into force of the ASEAN Charter and the adoption of the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community by 2015,

Taking into account the global financial and economic crisis has an important impact on ASEAN economies and societies,

Agreeing to the principle that regional cooperation and integration are the preeminent means to tackle common challenges,

Supporting the efforts of ASEAN to accelerate regional integration in South-East Asia,

ASEAN and the EU hereby:

Agree that immediate overall priorities in ASEAN-EU Cooperation in the period 2009-2010 lie in supporting the implementation of the ASEAN Charter, including the realisation of the goals under the Blueprint for the ASEAN Political Security Community, the Blueprint for the ASEAN Economic Community, the Blueprint for the ASEAN Social-Cultural Community, the 2nd IAI Work Plan, the institutional reform of ASEAN and the creation of an ASEAN human rights body;

Task the SOM to undertake a regular review of the Plan of Action so as to better reflect the dynamics of the EU-ASEAN Partnership, including the priorities above;

Ask the SOM to report at the next EU-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the results of the review of the Plan of Action to date.

Pursuant to the adoption of the Nuremberg Declaration on an ASEAN-EU Enhanced Partnership and the Plan of Action to Implement the Nuremberg Declaration.

Following the first two years of successful implementation of the Plan of Action, ASEAN and the EU agreed to implement the following activities with a view to supporting ASEAN integration and the community building efforts and the deepening of ASEAN-EU Dialogue Relations.

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COOPERATION

1. Sign EU/EC's accession to the TAC as soon as possible after the completion of the legal procedures;
2. Enhance cooperation in the framework of the ARF to promote preventive diplomacy;
3. Hold workshops on peace, conflict management and conflict resolution with relevant regional and international organizations, including the UN, with a view to sharing best practices and experiences in 2009 (Cambodia-EU);

4. Encourage possible participation of the ASEAN Member States in the European Security Defense Policy (ESDP) operations;
5. Share with ASEAN the EU experience in the field of civilian capability planning and development using the experiences, lessons and instruments of the EU Civilian Headline Goal 2008 and 2010;
6. Promote dialogue and partnership among private sector, civil society organizations and other relevant institutions as a means to share ideas, concepts and methods on ways to enhance transparency, accountability, participation and good governance;
7. Intensify dialogue between the EU and ASEAN through exchanges amongst officials, think-tanks and relevant stakeholders with the aim to promoting and protecting human rights, rule of law and democracy including through the ASEAN human rights body in accordance with its terms of reference (once established). Explore cooperation, for example co-hosting workshops and seminars on human rights education and sharing experience on promotion and protection of human rights through national and/or international mechanisms;
8. Promote effective cooperation on maritime security between the EU and the ASEAN Member States concerned including organising the ARF Seminar to Enhance Maritime Security, 2009 (EU-Indonesia);
9. Enhance cooperation on disaster preparedness including capacity building in forensics and promote public awareness and education programmes on a regular basis, and participation in programmes related to disaster risk reduction and emergency response;
10. Undertake joint projects in the field of non-proliferation and disarmament. Convene a Workshop on Management and Security of Ammunition Stockpiles and Surplus Destruction, 2009 (Cambodia-EU);
11. Enhance cooperation on border management and document security with a view to preventing illegal border crossing and combating trafficking in persons;
12. Strengthen cooperation in the area of counter-terrorism by following up with the "ASEAN-EU Joint Declaration on Cooperation to Combat Terrorism," signed during the 14th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting in Brussels, in 2003, and promoting inter-regional and multilateral counter-terrorism efforts;
13. Enhance cooperation to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, including sharing of experiences on suppression of terrorism;
14. Enhance cooperation in information sharing and institutional capacity building in the efforts to tackle cyber-crime and to promote cyber security;
15. Convene the ARF seminar on security aspects of climate change.

ECONOMIC COOPERATION

16. Support ASEAN to overcome the global financial crisis and restore economic growth.
17. Strengthen the basis for intensified bilateral trade between the ASEAN and EU countries and seek ways to give new impetus to the ASEAN-EU FTA negotiations. Enhance therefore the FTA negotiating capacity of ASEAN (continuation of TREATI activities).

18. Implement the ASEAN-EC Programme on Intellectual Property Rights (ECAP III);
19. Engage in dialogue on 'Civil Aviation' and implement Programme on Civil Aviation in South East Asia – ASEAN Air Transport Integration Project (AATIP);
20. Support ASEAN for the collection and availability of reliable statistical data at regional level;
21. Support ASEAN in review and revision of customs law of the Member States and development of regional mechanisms for the implementation of commitments and decisions for economic integration and protection of the society. Support ASEAN's restructuring and simplification of customs regimes for a secure and integrated supply chain/logistics. Support ASEAN in the operationalisation of a regional transit system;
22. Stimulate ASEAN Information Society for an open and competitive market for ICT products, trade and services;
23. Support ASEAN in the establishment of an ASEAN Facilitation Repository;
24. Support for the Initiatives for ASEAN Integration (IAI); Hold workshop on bridging the development gaps;
25. Support the strengthening of compliance and dispute settlement on trade issues in ASEAN;
26. Support the studies and capacity building for ASEAN Member States on the Rules of Origin (ROO) regime to facilitate free movement of ASEAN originating goods within the region (cost and benefit analysis, studies on specific issues, and capacity building);
27. Enhance cooperation in Standards and Conformance, including technical infrastructure and competency in laboratory testing, post market surveillance, and sectoral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) on Conformity Assessment in order to reduce technical barriers to trade;
28. Continue sharing experiences and best practices through regular holding of workshops and seminars to promote understanding of each other's competition policies;
29. Utilize or operationalize Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fund (GEEREF) 2008-2012;
30. Enhance cooperation in the field of food security through sharing of best practices and exchanges of information on policies, experiences, and enhance capacity building and technical cooperation to promote the harmonization of food safety and bio-energy production standards in the region;

SOCIO-CULTURAL COOPERATION

31. Enhance overall sectoral dialogue on non-trade issues. Launch programme on ASEAN-EU Sectoral READI Activities, including HRD;
32. Launch the Asia Highly Pathogenic and Emerging Diseases Programme and reflect on future cooperation for preventing and mitigating risks at the interface between animals/humans and ecosystems (the "one Health approach") conducting joint research on emerging infectious diseases such as influenza A/H1N1;

33. Support SEA-EU-NET programme (funded by the 7th Framework Programme) facilitating and strengthening the bi-regional and bilateral Science and Technology (S&T) dialogue and analyzing S&T structures at national level in Southeast Asia (2007- 2010); Support ASEAN to establish a network of S&T centres of excellence to promote closer cooperation, sharing of research facilities, technology transfer and commercialisation, and technology development, including joint programmes to promote science technology and Innovation in vocational education through work-integrated learning;
34. Support the establishment and operationalisation of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre); Support ASEAN in achieving goals related to Disaster Risk Reduction in line with the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response, the Priorities for Action under the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) and other relevant frameworks of cooperation;
35. Enhance cooperation on social safety net, decent work and social cohesion as well as protection from negative impacts of global financial crisis and globalization;
36. Enhance the IT skills of the workforce in ASEAN through joint training programmes and courses;
37. Strengthen cooperation between the EU and ASEAN with a view to achieving the objectives, purposes and principles of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Kyoto Protocol as well as to reaching a new agreement at next Copenhagen Summit. Cooperate to work out a master plan for possible development of Climate Change and measures to adapt and respond in ASEAN;
38. Strengthen cooperation in the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and biodiversity in particular inland water, coastal and marine ecosystems, in accordance with national laws and priorities;
39. Further promote the cultural dialogue through the UN initiative "Alliance of Civilizations".
40. Promote visits of ASEAN journalists to the EU;
41. Enhancing cooperation in the research, collection and analysis of gender-disaggregate data in order to promote gender quality;

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- Promote effective cooperation in maritime safety, search and rescue operation (SAR) through activities such as experience sharing, technology cooperation and exchange of visits of authorities concerned;
- Undertake joint efforts to combat drug trafficking and support a Drug-Free ASEAN by 2015 through law enforcement cooperation and information dissemination.
- Continue to encourage possible participation of the ASEAN Member States in European Security and Defense Policy (ESDP) operations;
- Promote capacity building by sharing of the best practices, system, as well as opportunities and challenges in developing and supporting labor market information system;

- Enhance cooperation on environmental matters, including wastewater management, water resources demand management and automotive emission reduction;
- Promote the sharing of data and best practices in HRD in the technical and vocational education and training fields with a special focus on linking employers with training;
- Promote capacity building by sharing of information, best practices as well as opportunities and challenges in relation to protection and promotion of migrant workers' rights and welfare;
- Enhance cooperation to preserve cultural heritage, enhance Cultural Interchange and Human Resources Development in the Cultural Context between ASEAN and Europe and promote the universal adherence to the UNESCO convention on the protection and promotion of diversity of cultural expressions/ or cooperate towards the full and universal implementation of the UNESCO convention on the protection and promotion of diversity of cultural expressions;