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WE, the Foreign Ministers of Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and New Zealand gathered in Ha Noi, Viet Nam on 22 July 2010;

RECALLING with satisfaction that ASEAN and New Zealand have enjoyed 35 years of close cooperation and friendship since New Zealand became a Dialogue Partner of ASEAN in 1975, enhanced through the annual ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference, ASEAN-New Zealand Officials' Dialogue and other fora, as well as the early appointment by New Zealand of an Ambassador to ASEAN;

FURTHER RECALLING the Joint Declaration of the Leaders at the ASEAN-Australia and New Zealand Commemorative Summit signed in Vientiane on 30 November 2004, the accession of New Zealand to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia in July 2005, the ASEAN-New Zealand Framework for Cooperation 2006-2010, the ASEAN-New Zealand Work Plan to Combat International Terrorism and Transnational Crime and other arrangements supporting the Dialogue partnership;

RECOGNISING the wish to enhance ASEAN-New Zealand cooperation in areas of common interests;

ACKNOWLEDGING ASEAN's centrality and the leading role it plays in the regional architecture, and New Zealand's ongoing commitment to ASEAN-led regional processes as a founding member of the ASEAN Regional Forum and the East Asia Summit;

WELCOMING the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter and expressing full support for the realisation of an ASEAN Community by 2015 which would consist of the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC); ASEAN Economic Community (AEC); and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC); including New Zealand's continued commitment to work closely with ASEAN to address development gap through the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI);

FURTHER WELCOMING the establishment of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) and New Zealand's inclusion in this process;

ALSO WELCOMING the entry into force of the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA) on 1 January 2010 and the associated AANZFTA Economic Cooperation Support Programme (AECSP);

RECOGNISING that AANZFTA sits within a web of inter-locking regional and other trade agreements;

ADHERING to the principles of democracy, the rule of law and good governance, respect for and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

REAFFIRMING support for the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and other universally recognised principles of international law;

RECOGNISING that the bilateral relationships between individual ASEAN members and New Zealand have contributed to higher levels of shared understanding and cooperation that reinforce ASEAN's own priorities and will continue to do so;

DETERMINED, in commemorating the 35th anniversary of the dialogue relationship, to develop and implement a strategic framework for a more comprehensive, targeted and forward-looking partnership that supports the overall integration plans for ASEAN, and the wider process of deepening East Asia cooperation.

ASEAN AND NEW ZEALAND DECLARE TO:

Launch an ASEAN-New Zealand Comprehensive Partnership comprising targeted political and security cooperation, economic cooperation, and socio-cultural cooperation that is pro-active and responsive to future developments, including, but not limited to, the following elements:

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COOPERATION

1. Contribute to the realisation of the ASEAN Political-Security Community by 2015, with a particular focus on:

POLITICAL AND SECURITY DIALOGUE

2. Engage in regular dialogue at political and official levels to promote peace, stability, security, development and prosperity in the region;

STRENGTHENING PEACE AND STABILITY

3. Promote the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) and the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) as frameworks of regional defence and security dialogue and cooperation;
4. Enhance practical cooperation to combat terrorism and transnational crime including within the framework of ASEAN-New Zealand Joint Declaration for Cooperation to Combat International Terrorism;
5. Promote improved national, regional and international regimes for disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation;
6. Strengthen regional frameworks and fora, to promote stability, security and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region in both traditional and non traditional areas;
7. Cooperate in multilateral frameworks, including the United Nations, to address security threats;

GOOD GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROMOTION

8. Foster initiatives to promote good governance and human rights in ASEAN as set out in the APSC Blueprint;

STRENGTHENING THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT

9. Cooperate to strengthen the capacity of the ASEAN Secretariat in areas relevant to the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community.

ECONOMIC COOPERATION

10. Contribute to the realisation of an ASEAN Economic Community by 2015, with a particular focus on:

EFFECTIVE AANZFTA IMPLEMENTATION

11. Fully implement AANZFTA, to boost trade, investment and other economic linkages between ASEAN, New Zealand and Australia, to promote economic growth and development in ASEAN and New Zealand, and to contribute to ASEAN's internal economic integration and development;
12. Cooperate to fully implement the AANZFTA Economic Cooperation Support Programme (AECSP) to enhance the capacity of member state institutions to fulfil their AANZFTA commitments and ensure the full benefits of the Agreement are realised for all parties to the agreement;
13. Enhance linkages between ASEAN and New Zealand private sectors, to better enable realisation of AANZFTA;

REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

14. Cooperate to explore and advance processes for broader and deeper economic integration between ASEAN, New Zealand and other regional partners, while recognising the primacy of ASEAN's internal economic integration and development, and respecting ASEAN's interests in the development of such processes;
15. Deepen understanding of how AANZFTA and wider regional economic integration can be leveraged to maximise economic growth and development in ASEAN and New Zealand and facilitate trade and investment;

BUILDING ECONOMIC RESILIENCE AND INFLUENCE

16. Strengthen regional and global finance co-operation and management frameworks in order to foster recovery from the global economic crisis;
17. Co-operate in the relevant regional and multilateral economic organisations, to advance the prosperity of ASEAN and New Zealand and to focus the work of those organisations on relevant, contemporary, priority issues for ASEAN and New Zealand, including trade and investment liberalisation and structural reform;
18. Enhance linkages between ASEAN and New Zealand business communities, including Small and Medium Enterprises, to encourage and increase two-way trade and investment activities;

ENHANCING CONNECTIVITY

19. Contribute to ASEAN's efforts in enhancing connectivity in order to support the ASEAN Vision in building a community by 2015.

SOCIO-CULTURAL COOPERATION

20. Contribute to the realisation of an ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community by 2015, with a particular focus on:

DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

21. Strengthen co-operation in disaster preparedness, mitigation and emergency response, rehabilitation, reconstruction and resilience;

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS-BUILDING

22. Enhance education cooperation by providing scholarship to ASEAN students, academicians and officials as well as encouraging and facilitating student, academic and official exchanges;
23. Promote people-to-people contact to build awareness and understanding between the communities of ASEAN and New Zealand;
24. Strengthen networking among public servants, private sectors, experts, scholars and other stakeholders in order to tap their expertise, initiatives and ideas, particularly with regard to policy planning and socio-economic development, mindful of the principles prescribed in the ASEAN Charter;
25. Foster continued Track II dialogue on economic, political and security and socio-cultural issues;

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

26. Strengthen cooperation and promote opportunities for enhanced government, science and business links in areas such as biodiversity conservation, natural resources management, green technology development and application, sustainable development, chemicals and hazardous wastes management, sustainable forest management, and climate change mitigation and adaptation;

CULTURE

27. Further enhance cultural cooperation to build awareness, understanding and celebration of cultural diversity, and to promote and preserve cultural heritage.

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

28. Further support through the New Zealand international development programme on economic and social development in the region, including through the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan II and its focus on ASEAN integration and its community-building efforts toward (ASEAN) reducing poverty and narrowing the development gap among ASEAN Member States.

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

29. Adopt the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration for ASEAN-New Zealand Comprehensive Partnership.
30. Direct ASEAN and New Zealand relevant officials to annually review and report the progress of the implementation of the Plan of Action to the ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference (PMC) + 1 with New Zealand.