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WE, the Heads of State/Government of Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Republic of Korea (ROK) gathered on 29 October 2010 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, for the 13th ASEAN-ROK Summit;

RECALLING with satisfaction that the ASEAN-ROK relations have deepened and broadened over the past 21 years since the establishment of dialogue relations in 1989;

NOTING the significance of the ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit which was convened on 1-2 June 2009 under the theme of "Partnership for Real, Friendship for Good" to celebrate 20 years of close partnership and friendship and the New Asia Initiative of the ROK to strengthen cooperation with ASEAN;

RECALLING the accession of the ROK to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) on 27 November 2004, the signing of the Joint Declaration of the Leaders at the 8th ASEAN-ROK Summit on 30 November 2004 in Vientiane and the adoption of the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on 13 December 2005, the adoption of the ASEAN-ROK Joint Declaration for Cooperation to Combat International Terrorism on 27 July 2005, the signing of the Joint Statement of the ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit on 2 June 2009 and other arrangements supporting the Dialogue partnership;

WELCOMING the establishment of the ASEAN-Korea Centre in March 2009 to promote trade, investment, tourism and culture between ASEAN and the ROK;

ALSO WELCOMING the entry into force of the Agreement on Trade in Goods and the Agreement on Trade in Services, and the signing of the Investment Agreement under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation among the Governments of the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea, which marked the completion of the ASEAN-ROK Free Trade Agreement (AKFTA) and the realisation of the AKFTA on 1 January 2010;

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

ACKNOWLEDGING the commitment of ASEAN and the ROK to work closely in supporting ASEAN integration and narrowing the development gap in the region as provided for in the Cha-am Hua Hin Declaration on the Roadmap for the ASEAN Community (2009-2015);

FURTHER WELCOMING the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter, establishment of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN, strengthening of the ASEAN Secretariat, establishment of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights, establishment of the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children as well as the appointment of Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to ASEAN; and **UNDERSCORING** the commitment to handle ASEAN-ROK mutual relations in accordance with the principles and purposes of the UN Charter, the TAC in Southeast Asia and the generally accepted principles of international law;

RECOGNISING the growing interdependence and integration between ASEAN and the ROK driven by trade, investment and people-to-people interactions for peace and prosperity;

FURTHER WELCOMING the recommendation made by the ASEAN-ROK Eminent Persons Group (AKEPG) to elevate the ASEAN-ROK partnership to a higher level;

BEING DETERMINED to enhance and move the ASEAN-ROK comprehensive cooperation partnership towards a strategic partnership, which corresponds to the aspirations of the peoples of ASEAN and the ROK, in order to address common challenges and promote peace, stability and prosperity in ASEAN and the wider East Asian region.

Hereby AGREE to commence an ASEAN-ROK Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity comprising political and security cooperation, economic cooperation, socio-cultural cooperation, regional and international cooperation and development cooperation. To this end, we agree to:

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COOPERATION

1. Strengthen political and security cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK, thereby contributing to the realisation of an ASEAN Political-Security Community by 2015.

POLITICAL AND SECURITY DIALOGUE

2. Engage in regular dialogue at various levels including regional and multilateral mechanisms in order to promote peace, stability, security, development and prosperity in the region.
3. Promote the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) process and the ADMM-Plus as frameworks for regional defence and security dialogue and cooperation.
4. Hold, when necessary, ASEAN-ROK security-related dialogues to ensure regional peace and stability and to address the security challenges facing the region.

STRENGTHENING PEACE AND STABILITY

5. Strengthen cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK at regional and international levels to ensure non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) including preventing proliferation of nuclear weapons, promoting nuclear disarmament and peaceful use of nuclear energy in order to achieve a nuclear weapon-free world consistent with the provisions of the Treaty on Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone (SEANWFZ) and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).
6. Cooperate to effectively prevent, disrupt, and combat transnational crime, especially terrorism, sea piracy, illicit drug trafficking, trafficking in persons, money laundering, arms smuggling, illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, international economic crime and cyber-crime as well as to ensure regional security in accordance with national policies, domestic laws and legislation and international law.
7. Strengthen the implementation of the ASEAN-ROK Joint Declaration for Cooperation to Combat International Terrorism, which was signed on 27 July 2005 in Vientiane, Lao PDR.
8. Support dialogue and cooperation towards the goal of attaining peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula, particularly through the Six-Party Talks process, and other processes as appropriate, such as the ARF.

9. Support ASEAN's central role in the regional architecture through ASEAN initiated processes such as the ASEAN Plus Three (APT), East Asia Summit (EAS), and the ARF.
10. Promote and strengthen cooperation in the areas of human rights, good governance, democracy and rule of law.

ECONOMIC COOPERATION

11. Intensify the ASEAN-ROK economic ties, thereby contributing to the realisation of an ASEAN Economic Community by 2015.
12. Make efforts to realise the target set forth at the ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit in June 2009 to increase bilateral trade to USD 150 billion by 2015.

EFFECTIVE AKFTA IMPLEMENTATION

13. Implement AKFTA fully and effectively in order to promote trade in goods and services, investment and other economic relations between ASEAN and the ROK as well as to promote economic growth and development in ASEAN and the ROK, and to contribute to ASEAN's internal economic integration and development.
14. Strengthen the implementation of AKFTA by faithfully pursuing liberalisation in accordance with the agreed timeframe and undertaking ASEAN-ROK economic cooperation projects.
15. Improve the utilisation of the AKFTA by enhancing awareness among businesses, making the implementation procedure of the AKFTA more business-friendly, and exploring various ways to maximise mutual benefits and the opportunities available under the agreement.

STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC COOPERATION

16. Enhance economic cooperation, especially capacity building in various fields such as finance, customs, construction and transport, agriculture and commodities, labour, tourism, energy, Information and Communications Technology (ICT), science and technology, food security, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), forestry, mining, fisheries, logistics, intellectual property rights, connectivity and infrastructure development.
17. Fully utilise the ASEAN-Korea Centre to facilitate promotional activities for trade and investment, including product exhibitions, exchange of trade and investment missions, and exchange of information on trade and investment.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

18. Cooperate to effectively implement the Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation (CMIM) and further develop the Asian Bond Markets Initiative (ABMI).
19. Cooperate to explore and advance processes for broader and deeper economic integration between ASEAN, the ROK 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.
20. Strengthen collaboration and policy consultation between ASEAN and the ROK in major multilateral fora including the World Trade Organisation (WTO), Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the G-20 and other regional and multilateral economic organisations

and in this connection, support the continued participation of the ASEAN Chair in the future G-20 Summits, and their related meetings as appropriate, on a regular basis.

21. Work towards achieving a more balanced and open international financial architecture, by participating in reforms of financial regulations, prudential frameworks, and international financial institutions.
22. Support ASEAN efforts to develop enhanced connectivity within the region and beyond.

TOURISM

23. Promote tourism in ASEAN and the ROK through regular tourism exhibitions and other related activities, in close collaboration with the ASEAN-Korea Centre.

SOCIO-CULTURAL COOPERATION

24. Promote socio-cultural cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK, thereby contributing to the realisation of an ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community by 2015.

EDUCATION

25. Jointly promote education as a vehicle to achieve socio-economic development. In particular, ASEAN and the ROK will share their educational experiences, especially the education policies on good ethics and character-building towards supporting ASEAN and the ROK human resource development.
26. Promote and facilitate student and academic exchanges.

CULTURE AND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EXCHANGES

27. Promote cultural exchanges and people-to-people contacts, particularly among the youth, in the public and private sectors to deepen mutual understanding and friendship.

CONSULAR COOPERATION

28. Strengthen consular cooperation, especially in the protection of the nationals of both sides, including tourists, business people, officials who are travelling to ASEAN and the ROK as well as students, permanent residents and workers residing in the ASEAN Member States and the ROK.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL WELFARE

29. Enhance cooperation to develop human resources, occupational skills and social insurance.
30. Enhance cooperation to improve social welfare, especially for vulnerable people.

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

31. Welcome the ROK's initiative on Low-Carbon Green Growth and cooperate through the East Asia Climate Partnership to support ASEAN Member States in responding to climate change.
32. Enhance ASEAN-ROK cooperation in environmental management including integrated water resource.