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Building on the momentum of the 30th anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the European Union (EU) Dialogue Relations, the 40th anniversary of the establishment of ASEAN and the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Rome Treaties to promote sustainable peace, security and prosperity through regional integration;

Underlining the EU's and ASEAN's commitment to regional integration and the need to build solid regional organisations, in conformity with the UN Charter, as a contribution to addressing regional and global security challenges;

Noting with satisfaction that since its establishment in 1977, EU-ASEAN Dialogue Relations have rapidly grown and expanded to cover a wide range of areas including political and security, economic and trade, social and cultural and development cooperation;

Acknowledging the convergence of interests between ASEAN and the EU as envisaged in the ASEAN Vision 2020, the ASEAN Concord II (Bali Concord II), the Vientiane Action Programme (VAP) and the Communication from the Commission on "A New Partnership with Southeast Asia" which provide a strong foundation for further strengthening and expanding dialogue relations and cooperation;

Promoting universal values of justice, democracy, human rights, good governance, anticorruption, the rule of law, social equality and caring societies, that are the foundations for lasting peace, stability, progress and prosperity, in accordance with the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations, and for further strengthening and expanding EU-ASEAN Relations;

Recognizing the need to strengthen the promotion and the protection of human rights through practical steps and closer cooperation, including in international fora;

Welcoming the continuing progress in EU-ASEAN Dialogue Relations, in particular the recent adoption of the Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (READI) and the Trans-Regional EUASEAN Trade Initiative (TREATI);

Recognizing the importance of ASEAN's concerted effort to establish the ASEAN Community and the ASEAN Charter that would contribute towards peace, stability and prosperity in the region;

Recognizing that climate change is one of the greatest challenges facing the world today, and the urgent need to work together under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol to effectively address this challenge;

Recalling the commitment to prevent conflict and resolve conflict through dialogue and cooperation;

Reaffirming support for the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and international law;

Underlining the importance of promoting arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation, including in key areas such as Weapons of Mass Destruction and their means of delivery as well as conventional arms and ammunition;

Recognizing ASEAN's centrality and the leading role played by ASEAN in all ASEAN-related regional architecture, in particular the ASEAN Regional Forum as the main forum for regional dialogue and cooperation on political and security issues in the Asia Pacific;

Commending the unique experience and success of EU-ASEAN cooperation such as the Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM) and the importance of drawing lessons from the AMM in view of enhancing the EU's experience and strengthening ASEAN's own capacity in crisis management; and

Desiring to enhance cooperation to achieve mutually beneficial goals and objectives;

The EU and ASEAN hereby

1. Commit to further enhance EU-ASEAN dialogue and cooperation, including at the highest level.
2. Cooperate to strengthen ASEAN capacity and institution building processes that will contribute to achieving the goal of the ASEAN Community consisting of ASEAN Security Community (ASC), ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) through, among other steps, exchange of information and experience between the EU and ASEAN on community building.
3. Agree to step up cooperation including, but not limited, to the following areas:

I. POLITICAL AND SECURITY COOPERATION

4. Enhance political dialogue between the EU and ASEAN as well as regional and political dialogue through the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) for advancing the common interest of ASEAN and the EU in promoting peace and stability in the Asia Pacific region, with ASEAN as the driving force.
5. Promote EU-ASEAN co-operation in multilateral frameworks, particularly at the United Nations and the World Trade Organisation.
6. Cooperate to enhance global and regional security as a basis for building a better world, with the common understanding of security as a comprehensive concept with a political, human, social and economic dimension, for the benefit of present and future generations.
7. Promote closer cooperation in addressing and combating terrorism, trafficking in human beings, drug trafficking, sea piracy, arms smuggling, money laundering, cyber-crime and related trans-national crime, by undertaking cooperative efforts in accordance with international law.
8. Cooperate in the areas of disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery. In this respect, Ministers reaffirmed the importance of the implementation and the universalization of the existing disarmament and non-proliferation treaties, conventions and instruments, while recognizing ASEAN's establishment of a nuclear weapon-free zone in Southeast Asia through the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ) and regard this endeavour as an important undertaking of enhancing regional security. Cooperate also in the areas of

disarmament, arms control, illicit trade of small arms and light weapon and the ban of antipersonnel mines.

II. ECONOMIC COOPERATION

9. Utilise the Trans Regional EU-ASEAN Trade Initiative, TREATI as the foundation for regional economic cooperation between the EU and ASEAN, including to support the negotiation and implementation of FTA as well as regional integration goals and objectives, in particular the realisation of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) by 2015.
10. Support the launch of negotiations between the EU and ASEAN aiming at the conclusion of FTA building on the platform of the WTO, while reaffirming the Doha Development Agenda as the priority for both the EU and ASEAN.
11. Strengthen cooperation in multilateral frameworks regarding regional and international trade and economy, including the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and ASEM, to ensure equitable benefits from globalisation and economic liberalisation, taking into account the needs of developing and least developed countries, while appealing to WTO members to show a constructive commitment to bring the Doha negotiations to a successful close.
12. Encourage greater interaction of the private sector between ASEAN and the EU.
13. Create a conducive environment for more trade, investment and other economic activities between the EU and ASEAN.

III. COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE/ENVIRONMENT

14. Promote energy security, sustainable energy and multilateral measures for stable, effective and transparent global energy markets, through an EU-ASEAN policy dialogue on energy.
15. Promote cooperation to enhance capacity building in renewable energies and energy efficiency so as to ensure energy security and energy for sustainable development, including through the exchange of information and experience and the promotion of relevant technologies on a mutually beneficial basis.
16. Undertake concrete action for the swift implementation of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Kyoto Protocol, with the emphasis on the promotion of energy saving, energy efficiency and renewable energy, also taking into account the achievements within the ASEM framework.
17. Strengthen cooperation between the EU and ASEAN in the field of climate change, in particular reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality, consistent with the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol.
18. Promote closer cooperation in environmental conservation and protection, sustainable development and natural resource management, including sustainable management of forest resources, and the areas of biodiversity and transboundary environmental pollution control and management.

19. Cooperate to promote a more effective implementation of the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol and pave the way for the negotiations on a global and comprehensive post-2012 climate regime.
20. Strengthen EU-ASEAN cooperation in promoting measures to meet the UN Convention on Biodiversity target of significantly reducing the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010.

IV. SOCIO-CULTURAL COOPERATION

21. Intensify the implementation of the Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (READI), in order to promote and broaden cooperation and relations between the EU and ASEAN on non-trade and non-economic areas.
22. Work closely together towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals; join efforts in nurturing human, cultural and natural resources for sustainable development and build further on the existing friendship, good will and understanding between the EU and ASEAN.
23. Promote closer cooperation to address the spread of communicable and infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS, SARS and avian influenza at the sub-regional, regional and global levels.
24. Cooperate at regional and global levels on disaster management including supporting the ASEAN Regional Programme on Disaster Management and foster closer cooperation at the regional and global levels on disaster management, preparedness, mitigation and emergency response as well as rehabilitation and reconstruction.
25. Promote people-to-people contacts involving, among other actors, youth, media academics, think-tank institutions, parliamentary bodies and civil society, and build and nurture friendship and understanding between ASEAN and EU through, inter alia, interfaith dialogue and cultural exchanges.
26. Foster and deepen cooperation in the fields of arts and culture, information and communication technology, science and technology, and education.

V. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

27. Welcome the EU's commitment to continue to support ASEAN Community building efforts, through the current and future ASEAN development cooperation programmes, the implementation of the Vientiane Action Programmes (VAP), its successor programmes as well as the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) and other sub-regional programmes which would alleviate poverty, narrow the development gap, and promote sustainable development and integration in ASEAN.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

28. Agree to develop a comprehensive, mutually beneficial, action-orientated, forward-looking and encompassing Plan of Action to implement the Nuremberg Declaration on an EUASEAN Enhanced Partnership.

Endorsed in Nuremberg, the Federal Republic of Germany this Fifteenth Day of March in the Year Two Thousand and Seven.