

2020 ASEAN DECLARATION ON AN ASEAN TRAVEL CORRIDOR ARRANGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Adopted on 12 November 2020

WE, the Heads of State/Government of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), namely Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, on the occasion of the 37th ASEAN Summit:

RECALLING the Declaration of the Special ASEAN Summit on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) of 14 April 2020 that highlighted our commitment to further strengthen public health cooperation measures to contain the pandemic and protect the people;

FURTHER RECALLING the ASEAN Leaders' Vision Statement on A Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN: Rising Above Challenges and Sustaining Growth (Ha Noi, 26 June 2020) that demonstrated our commitment to maintain necessary interconnectedness in the region by facilitating to the extent possible the essential movement of people, including business travellers, while safeguarding public health in line with our efforts to combat the pandemic;

NOTING the progress of the development of the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework and its Implementation Plan, while emphasising the importance of its timely implementation;

RECOGNISING that ASEAN Member States have developed bilateral travel corridor arrangements among ourselves, as well as between individual ASEAN Member States and partners outside the region;

BUILDING upon existing efforts by individual ASEAN Member States;

DO HEREBY:

1. **DECIDE** to take steps towards the establishment of an ASEAN travel corridor arrangement framework to facilitate essential business travels among ASEAN Member States, while prioritising public health safety, particularly in controlling the transmission of the COVID-19, without precluding the application of the framework to other categories of travel in the future;
2. **STRESS** the need to develop a common set of pre-departure and post-arrival health, and safety measures to protect the well-being and safety of our citizens and **EMPHASISE** that travellers shall strictly abide by the prevailing public health regulations required by the authorities of the receiving countries;
3. **TASK** the ASEAN Coordinating Council, supported by the ASEAN Coordinating Council Working Group on Public Health Emergencies, to coordinate and oversee the process of the development of an ASEAN travel corridor arrangement framework and look forward to its operationalisation, taking into account existing bilateral arrangements of ASEAN Member States.

ADOPTED at the Summit, this Twelfth day of November in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty, in a single original copy in the English Language.