2022 ASEAN LEADERS' STATEMENT ON THE APPLICATION OF TIMOR-LESTE FOR ASEAN MEMBERSHIP

Adopted in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 11 November 2022

We, the Leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, gathering in Phnom Penh, the Kingdom of Cambodia for the 40th and 41st ASEAN Summits and Related Summits, considering the outcomes of the Fact-Finding Missions to Timor-Leste conducted by the ASEAN Political-Security Community, ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, and agreed:

1. In-principle to admit Timor-Leste to be the 11th member of ASEAN;
2. To grant an observer status to Timor-Leste and allow its participation in all ASEAN Meetings including at the Summit plenaries;
3. To formalize an objective criteria-based Roadmap for Timor-Leste's full membership including based on the milestones identified in the reports of the Fact-Finding Missions conducted by the three ASEAN Community pillars, and tasked the ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC) to formulate the Roadmap and report to the 42nd ASEAN Summit for adoption;
4. That all ASEAN Member States and external partners shall fully support Timor-Leste to achieve the milestones through the provision of capacity building assistance and any other necessary and relevant support for its full membership in ASEAN.