

## **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 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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.