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Manila Declaration of 1987

The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the President of the Republic of Indonesia, the Prime Minister of Malaysia, the President of the Republic of the Philippines, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, and the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand;

REAFFIRMING their commitment to the ASEAN Declaration, the Declaration of ASEAN Concord, the Declaration of the Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality of 1971, and the 1977 accord of Kuala Lumpur;

ENCOURAGED by the achievements of ASEAN in the last two decades, particularly in creating a political environment conducive to the development of its members and in carving out a distinct identity recognized and respected in the community of nations;

HAVING reviewed the current international political and economic situation and having considered the implications for “ASEAN of changes over the last decade;

CONVINCED that economic development and progress are fundamental to the stability and security of the region;

MOVED by an abiding faith in the capabilities of their peoples and the potentials for growth of their nations, and by a deep hope in the future of ASEAN;

ENDEAVOURING to advance the achievements of ASEAN as a dynamic and cohesive regional association of states for the well-being of its peoples;

DO HEREBY DECLARE:

- 1 Member states shall strengthen national and regional resilience to ensure security, stability and growth in the ASEAN region.
- 2 ASEAN regionalism founded upon political, economic, and cultural cohesion is more vital than ever for the future of Southeast Asia.
- 3 ASEAN shall pursue regional solidarity and cooperation under all circumstances, especially whenever pressures and tensions of any kind, arising from within the region or from without, challenge the capacities, resourcefulness, and goodwill of the ASEAN nations.
- 4 Intra-regional disputes shall be settled by peaceful means in accordance with the spirit of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia and the United Nations Charter.

5 While each member state shall be responsible for its own security, cooperation on a non-ASEAN basis among the member states in security matters shall continue in accordance with their mutual needs and interests.

6 Member states shall strengthen intra-ASEAN economic cooperation to maximize the realization of the region's potential in trade and development and to increase ASEAN's efficacy in combatting protectionism and countering its effects.

7 Member states shall encourage an environment in which the private sector can play an increasing role in economic development and in intra-ASEAN cooperation.

8 ASEAN functional cooperation shall promote increased awareness of ASEAN, wider involvement and increased participation and cooperation among the peoples of ASEAN, and the development of its human resources.

9 ASEAN shall remain firmly resolved in eradicating the scourge of drug abuse and illicit trafficking which threatens the fabric of its societies and debilitates its peoples.

AND DO HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

POLITICAL COOPERATION

1 ASEAN solidarity shall be strengthened through the adoption of common stands and collective actions on matters vital to ASEAN cohesion and resilience and through close coordination on matters of common interest at the international level.

2 ASEAN shall continue and intensify its efforts in finding a durable comprehensive political solution to the Kampuchean problem in the interest of achieving peace and stability not only in Kampuchea but also for the region as a whole. Positive steps by Vietnam in response to ASEAN's efforts would contribute to such a solution.

3 ASEAN shall persevere in the efforts to find an effective solution to the problem of Indochinese refugees in Southeast Asia.

4 ASEAN shall intensify all efforts towards achieving the early realization of a Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality in Southeast Asia (ZOPFAN) in consultation with states outside ASEAN.

5 ASEAN shall intensify its efforts toward the early establishment of a Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (SEA NWFZ), including the continuation of the consideration of all aspects relating to the establishment of the Zone and of an appropriate instrument to establish the Zone.

6 ASEAN shall promote and develop cooperation with states in the Pacific region, both the industrialised and developing states, in recognition of its increasing dynamism and potential. Relations with the developing countries in the region could also be fostered in the context of South-South cooperation.

ECONOMIC COOPERATION

7 To intensify efforts towards significant expansion of intra-ASEAN trade, ASEAN shall adopt and carry out a package of measures for the improvement of the Preferential Trading Arrangements (PTA). Such measures shall include the progressive reduction in the number of items in the member-countries' exclusion lists and the deepening of the margin of preference for items currently in the PTA.

ASEAN shall also relax the ASEAN-content requirement in the Rules of Origin on a case-by-case basis. The standstill of non-tariff barriers (NTBs) shall be implemented and the rollback of NTBs negotiated as soon as possible after the Manila Meeting of Heads of Government.

8 ASEAN shall accelerate sound industrial development within the region by making the ASEAN Industrial Joint Ventures (AIJV) Scheme more flexible, quicker to implement and more attractive to private investors. It shall also conclude an investment guarantee agreement among ASEAN countries, continue to exchange information on national industrial policies and plans, and take appropriate measures that would encourage the increased flow of technology, know-how and foreign investments into the ASEAN region.

9 In the field of finance and banking, ASEAN endorses the establishment of an ASEAN Reinsurance Corporation by 1988. Other forward-looking measures in this field include the use of the intra-ASEAN Model of Double Taxation Convention as a guide, liberalisation in the use of ASEAN currencies in intra-ASEAN trade which could be extended to investments and enhancement of the efficiency of customs and tax administrators through training programmes.

10 In the area of intra-ASEAN cooperation on commodities, ASEAN shall take joint action to address problems of structural surpluses, seek greater market shares, develop indigenous resource-based industries, intensify research and development (R&D) programmes and encourage the establishment of producer associations, regional trade associations and commodity exchanges.

11 In the light of the growing importance of trade in services, ASEAN shall enhance closer cooperation in this area.

12 ASEAN shall encourage intra-ASEAN travel and develop a viable and competitive tourism industry. The year 1992, the 25th Anniversary Year of ASEAN, is declared as "Visit ASEAN Year".

13 ASEAN shall enhance cooperation in the field of energy, including energy planning, exchange of information, transfer of technology, research and development, manpower training, conservation and efficiency, and the exploration, production and supply of energy resources.

14 In the field of transportation and communications, ASEAN shall pursue the introduction of Brokers Telegraph System, Inter-ASEAN Bulk Pool System, and Point-to-Point Shipping Services, and the establishment/strengthening of Freight Booking and Cargo Consolidation Centres. The existing transportation system shall be strengthened to ultimately form an overall ASEAN transportation network.

15 ASEAN cooperation in food, agriculture and forestry shall be aimed at improving the standard of living in the agricultural and forestry sectors, sustaining adequate supply of basic agricultural and forestry commodities to meet regional needs, and reducing the differences in agricultural and forestry structures in the region. Future cooperative efforts shall be geared towards greater private sector involvement and more emphasis on human resources development of farmers, fishermen and forestry workers.

RELATIONSHIP WITH DIALOGUE PARTNERS

16 While ASEAN's dialogues with Australia, Canada, the European Community, Japan, New Zealand and the United States have covered wide areas, member states shall further emphasize market access, trade and tourism promotion, investments, flow of resources, industrial development, transfer

of technology, human resources development, and support for ASEAN positions in international fora. ASEAN's dialogues with these countries shall be kept under review to meet these objectives.

FUNCTIONAL COOPERATION

17 Member states shall, through education, institutional linkages, and improved flow of information, seek to enhance awareness of ASEAN, inculcate in the people the common socio-economic values and Heritage, and promote mutual understanding of the culture, traditions and ways of life of their nations.

18 Intra-ASEAN functional cooperation shall be designed for a wider involvement and increased participation by the women and youth, as well as Non-Governmental Organizations, Inter-Governmental Organizations and ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization.

19 ASEAN shall intensify its cooperation on health, drug abuse prevention and combatting illicit trafficking in drugs, labour, law, population, child survival and welfare, socio-cultural programmes, and science and technology.

20 In the area of environment, ASEAN shall cooperate in promoting the principle of sustainable development and systematically integrating it into all aspects of development and shall focus on the need for policy guidelines to protect ASEAN's common resources and environment.

21 ASEAN shall emphasize developing an intelligent and highly productive workforce by increasing investment in science and technology and by providing effective training in order to facilitate the effective transfer of technology.

MACHINERY FOR ASEAN COOPERATION

22 The ASEAN organizational structure shall continually be improved with a view to enhancing its effectiveness.

DONE in the City of Manila of the Philippines, this Fifteenth Day of December in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven, the twentieth year of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

For Brunei Darussalam:

[signed by]
HIS MAJESTY SULTAN HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH
OF BRUNEI

For the Republic of Indonesia:

[signed by]
SOEHARTO
President

For Malaysia:

[signed by]
DATO' SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD
Prime Minister

For the Republic of the Philippines:

[signed by]
CORAZON C. AQUINO
President

For the Republic of Singapore:

[signed by]
LEE KUAN YEW
Prime Minister

For the Kingdom of Thailand:

[signed by]
GENERAL PREM TINSULANONDA
Prime Minister

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