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Declaration for the Establishment of the ASEAN Council on Petroleum (Ascope)

DECLARATION

WE,

The President Director of Perusahaan Pertambangan Minyak dan Gas Bumi Negara (PERTAMINA) of Indonesia,
The Chairman and Chief Executive of Petroliaam Nasional Berhad (PETRONAS) of Malaysia,
The Chairman and President of the Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC)/Chairman of the Petroleum Board of the Philippines,
The Representative of Singapore and
The Representative of Thailand.

MINDFUL of the strategic importance of petroleum and its role in the development of the economies of the South Asian countries;

CONSCIOUS that the interest of the peoples in the South East Asian Region should be protected in their efforts to attain the cherished ideal of economic well being;

FIRMLY believing in the merits of regional cooperation to meet present challenges and new developments towards progress and prosperity in the South East Asian Region;

DESIROUS of establishing a firm foundation for mutual cooperation in South East Asia for attaining the required know-how and skill in the management, operation and administration of all fields of activities of the petroleum industry, and to promote mutual assistance on matters of common interest in the field of petroleum,

DO HEREBY DECLARE:

FIRST, the establishment of an instrument for regional cooperation among member-countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), called ASEAN COUNCIL ON PETROLEUM (ASCOPE).

SECOND, that the aims and purposes of the Council shall be:

1. To promote active collaboration and mutual assistance in the development of the petroleum resources in the region through joint endeavours in the spirit of equality and partnership.

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2. To collaborate in the efficient utilization of petroleum.
 3. To provide assistance to each other in the form of training, the use of research facilities and services in all phases of the petroleum industry.
 4. To facilitate the exchange of information which will promote methodologies leading to successful achievements in the petroleum industry and which may help in formulating policies within the industry.
 5. To conduct petroleum conferences on a periodical basis.
 6. To maintain close and beneficial cooperation with existing international and regional organizations with similar aims and purposes.

THIRD, that to carry out these aims and purposes, the following machineries shall be established:

- (a) An annual meeting of the Heads of State (National) Oil Companies and a Representative appointed by the Government of each of the other member countries. Special meetings composed of the same representation may be convened as required.
- (b) A National Committee in each member country under the chairmanship of a person appointed by the respective Heads of State (National) Oil Companies/a Representative appointed by the Government of each of the other member countries to implement decisions made by the Annual meetings or Special meetings and to carry out the work of the Council in between Annual meetings on behalf of the respective member-countries and to service the Annual meetings, Special meetings and meetings of other Committees.
Meetings of National Committees may be conducted whenever required.
- (c) Ad Hoc Committees and Permanent Committees of Specialists and Officials on specific subjects.

FOURTH, that the Council is open for participation to all member-countries of ASEAN.

DONE in Jakarta this 15th Day of October in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

FOR INDONESIA

President Director PERTAMINA

Lt. Gen. Dr. H. Ibnu Sutowo

FOR MALAYSIA

Chairman and Chief Executive
PETRONAS

Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah

FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Chairman and President, PNOC/
Chairman, Petroleum Board

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Professor Yos Bunnag

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