

Memorandum of Understanding of ASCOPE

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With reference to the Declaration for the establishment of the ASEAN COUNCIL ON PETROLEUM (ASCOPE) signed at Jakarta, Indonesia on 15th October, 1975, we, the undersigned, hereby confirm our understanding as follows:

1. Framework of Co-operation

It is the intention of all member countries to carry out, within the scope of their own respective laws and regulations, as faithfully as possible, the aims and objectives of ASCOPE as set out in the Declaration.

2. Working relationship with ASEAN

Due to its specific technical and operational character, it is agreed that ASCOPE should operate independently of ASEAN. However, firmly believing in the objectives of ASEAN, ASCOPE will conduct its activities within the ASEAN concept. Thus ASCOPE will closely liaise with and will inform ASEAN of its program and activities.

3. Meetings and Conferences

a. Hosting of Conferences.

Hosting of conferences will be done alphabetically.

b. The host country for any ASCOPE meeting shall be responsible for convening the said ASCOPE meeting on a date agreeable to all member countries.

c. Chairmanship of Conferences.

Chairmanship of Conference shall be on rotation basis, with the host country serving as chairman.

d. Size of delegation

The size of each delegation shall depend on the nature and composition of the conference. The host country shall be notified in advance of the number of delegates attending.

e. Head Delegate

It might be possible for a member country to have more than one representative of equal standing, however each delegation shall have only one Head Delegate.

f. Delegates

The delegates shall be National of the member country concerned and shall represent the interest of their respective Governments.

g. Voting

There will be no actual voting: i.e. decisions shall be arrived at by a consensus.

h. Conference Expenses

The host country shall shoulder the conference expenses excluding travel and hotel accommodation.

4. General Provision

Any amendments to this Understanding shall be done by a consensus of the Council during any of its annual or special meetings.

FOR INDONESIA

President Director, PERTAMINA

signed

Lt. Gen. Dr. H. Ibnu Sutowo

FOR MALAYSIA

Chairman and Chief Executive
PETRONAS

signed

Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah

FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Chairman and President, PNOC/
Chairman of Petroleum Board

signed

Geronimo Z. Velasco

FOR SINGAPORE

Attorney-General of Singapore

signed

Tan Boon Teik

FOR THAILAND

Under-Secretary of State for
Industry/Chairman Thailand
Petroleum Committee

signed

Professor Yos Bunnag

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