

LETTER OF INTENT

THE ASEAN- UNDP SUB-REGIONAL PROGRAMME - SIXTH CYCLE

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) acknowledge and value the goodwill and partnership between the organizations in the last three decades and now agree to launch the Sixth Cycle of the ASEAN-UNDP Sub-Regional Programme (ASP-6).

ASEAN appreciates the technical assistance provided by the UNDP since 1967 and the sum of US Dollars Six Million earmarked for the ASP-6 (1997-2000). Reflecting on the goals and framework for the ASP-6 endorsed at the ASEAN-UNDP Dialogue Meeting in October 1996, we affirm that its immediate objectives are to assist ASEAN in developing and implementing timely sub-programmes for promoting the ASEAN countries' economic recovery and tackling the social problems arising from the economic situation in the region.


We agree to deal urgently with the transboundary haze, which affects the environment and the livelihoods of the people in ASEAN. We also affirm our resolve to continue our efforts in assisting the new member countries to integrate with the rest of ASEAN and to strengthen the institutional capabilities of ASEAN. We further agree, in principle, to earmark the required funds under the ASP-6 for the development of sub-programmes in these areas.

We intend to engage UNDP experts, if required, to jointly review specific areas of concern to ASEAN and develop effective sub-programmes. We consent to allocate appropriate funds for this effort from the ASP-6 and any other additional funds that the UNDP may wish to provide.

Unless otherwise agreed, we acknowledge that the ASEAN Secretariat shall be the executing agency of all the sub-programmes under the ASP-6. The Jakarta Office of the UNDP in Indonesia shall act as the liaison between the ASEAN Secretariat and the UNDP on matters pertaining to the ASP-6 and in coordinating activities under the sub-programmes with other UNDP Country Offices in the ASEAN region. We agree that the ASEAN Secretariat shall be responsible for the allocation of funds for the sub-programmes based on ASEAN's priorities and needs. Subject to consultation, we intend to seek supplementary funding support from other regional or international institutions. All activities under the ASP-6 shall be carried out in accordance with the rules and regulations of the country in which they are being carried out. We agree to hold consultations from time to time to review the progress of the ASP-6.

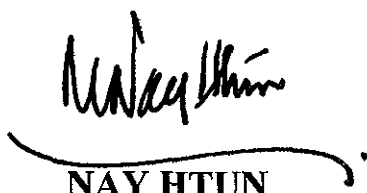
SIGNED in Manila, Philippines on 24th July 1998 in two originals.

On behalf of the Association of
Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)



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