



## **JOINT DECLARATION OF THE ASEAN DEFENCE MINISTERS ON ENHANCING REGIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY**

**WE**, the Defence Ministers of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Deputy Defence Ministers of Brunei Darussalam and the Union of Myanmar, gathered here in Singapore, on 14 November 2007 for the second ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (herein after referred to as "ADMM");

**RECALLING** the inaugural ADMM in Kuala Lumpur on 9 May 2006, which laid the foundation for the establishment of the ASEAN defence track responsible for defence and security cooperation among ASEAN member countries and which was regarded as a historic event in the evolution of ASEAN;

**RECALLING** further the ADMM Retreat in Bali on 24 March 2007, as an expression of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' collective commitment to build bonds of mutual trust and confidence, which is vital in promoting regional peace and stability;

**REAFFIRMING** the ADMM's commitment to contribute to the establishment of an ASEAN Security Community (or ASC) as stipulated in the Declaration of ASEAN Concord II (Bali Concord II) signed by the ASEAN Heads of State/Government at the 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit held in Bali, Indonesia, on 7 October 2003, and to promote the implementation of Vientiane Action Programme and its successor programme on the ASC;

**REAFFIRMING** that the ASEAN Security Community embodies ASEAN's aspirations to bring ASEAN's political and security cooperation to a higher plane to ensure that ASEAN Member Countries live at peace with one another and with the world at large;

**ENDEAVOURING** to implement our Heads of State/ Government's decision during the 12th ASEAN Summit held in Cebu, Philippines, on 13 January 2007, to accelerate the establishment of an ASEAN Community, including the ASEAN Security Community, by 2015;

**REITERATING** that the ADMM is the highest ministerial defence and security consultative and cooperative mechanism which shall report directly to the ASEAN Heads of State/ Government;

**RECOGNISING** the establishment of the ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting (ADSOM) and the ADSOM Working Group to support and report to the ADMM as well as implement the ADMM's directions;

**EXPRESSING** satisfaction that the ASEAN militaries have achieved notable progress in building trust and confidence through a number of meetings and activities, namely the ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Force Informal Meeting, ASEAN Chiefs of Army Multilateral Meeting, ASEAN Navy Interaction, ASEAN Air Force Chiefs Conference and ASEAN Military Intelligence Informal Meeting;

**CONSISTENT** with the goals and objectives contained within the ASEAN Security Community and the Concept Paper for the Establishment of an ADMM;

**DO HEREBY DECLARE TO:**

1. Adopt the Philippines-initiated Protocol to the Concept Paper for the Establishment of an **ADMM**, which outlines the institutional framework for the ADMM;
2. Adopt a Three-Year Work Programme, which sets the priorities for ASEAN defence and security dialogue and cooperation, and guides the conduct of activities in the timeframe of 2008 - 2010;
3. Adopt the **ADMM-Plus** Concept Paper, which guides the **ADMM's** engagement of ASEAN's friends and Dialogue Partners;
4. Promote regional peace and stability through dialogue and cooperation in defence and security matters with a view towards enhancing security cooperation;
5. Enhance mutual trust and confidence through greater understanding of defence and security challenges as well as enhancement of transparency and openness;
6. Uphold ASEAN's principles of non-interference, consensus-based decision making, national and regional resilience and respect for national sovereignty;
7. Strengthen cooperation amongst the ASEAN militaries through practical and concrete cooperative activities such as seminars, workshops, training and exercises, on a voluntary basis and taking into account the differing capacities of ASEAN member countries, with a view to enhancing ASEAN's capacity to address transnational security challenges;

8. Strengthen ASEAN's and the ADMM's role as the primary driving force in developing relations with ASEAN's friends and Dialogue Partners, with a view to ensure enduring peace and stability in the region;

9. Deepen interactions and cooperation with ASEAN's friends and Dialogue Partners through the establishment of among others, the **ADMM-Plus** at a pace comfortable to all ASEAN countries; and

10. Commit to contribute to the realisation of an ASEAN Security Community that is open, dynamic, and resilient by 2015.

**DONE** at Singapore on the Fourteenth Day of November in the Year Two Thousand and Seven, in a single original copy in the English Language.

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