

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

THE ASEAN POST-MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE 10+1 SESSIONS WITH THE DIALOGUE PARTNERS AND TRILATERAL MEETINGS

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- 1. The ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference (PMC) 10+1 Sessions with ASEAN's Dialogue Partners, namely Australia, Canada, China, the European Union (EU), India, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea (ROK), the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom (UK), and the United States of America (US), were convened in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 10-11 July 2025.
- 2. ASEAN and its Dialogue Partners reviewed their relations over the past year and reiterated their shared commitment to further enhancing their partnerships and cooperation through effective implementation of their respective Plans of Action and existing frameworks. ASEAN also highlighted several milestones in some of these relations, including the establishment of the ASEAN-ROK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) at the 25th ASEAN-ROK Summit to Commemorate the 35th Anniversary of Dialogue Relations in October 2024, the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue Relations this year, and the convening of the Second ASEAN-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Summit and ASEAN-GCC-China Summit in May 2025.
- 3. The Meetings underscored support for Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship under the theme "Inclusivity and Sustainability," which reaffirms ASEAN's commitment towards strengthening regional peace, stability, and prosperity through inclusive, sustainable, and future-oriented ASEAN Community-building efforts.
- 4. The Meetings welcomed the adoption by the ASEAN Leaders of the ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future at the 46th ASEAN Summit on 26 May 2025, which will guide ASEAN Community building efforts in the next 20 years. Dialogue Partners expressed their commitment to supporting ASEAN Community building through concrete activities to realise the ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future. The Meetings also reaffirmed support for the work of the relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies and ASEAN-led mechanisms. The Meetings agreed that future cooperation with external partners will also be anchored on the ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future and the four new Strategic Plans.

5. The Meetings underscored the importance of strengthening ASEAN's external relations in the evolving regional architecture, enhancing coherence across all three pillars of the ASEAN Community and Connectivity, and ensuring that all engagements are relevant, strategic, mutually beneficial, and responsive to current and emerging challenges.

- 6. ASEAN valued the cooperation initiatives supported by its Dialogue Partners, particularly in emerging areas such as digital and sustainable economy, energy security, supply chain resilience, public health emergencies, and science, technology and innovation. ASEAN welcomed the support of Dialogue Partners for its renewable energy transition, including through the establishment of the ASEAN Power Grid (APG) by 2045. ASEAN further welcomed the continued interest and support of its external partners in further advancing equitable, inclusive and sustainable development throughout the ASEAN Community.
- 7. The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Participating Countries underscored the importance of the full and effective implementation of the RCEP Agreement, which would support the ASEAN economic integration agenda. The Meetings reaffirmed the commitment to upholding an open, free, fair, sustainable and rules-based multilateral trading system, as embodied in the World Trade Organization (WTO) amidst the global trade uncertainties.
- 8. The Meetings underscored the importance of upholding ASEAN Centrality in the evolving regional architecture and reiterated their commitment to supporting an ASEAN-centred regional architecture that is open, transparent, inclusive resilient, and rules-based, built upon ASEAN-led mechanisms, including the ASEAN Plus One, ASEAN Plus Three (APT), East Asia Summit (EAS), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), and ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus).
- 9. ASEAN continued to encourage its Dialogue Partners and other external parties to promote and mainstream the implementation of concrete ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP) projects and activities, including through workstreams under the four priority areas of the AOIP, and implementation of ASEAN's joint statements on the AOIP with several Dialogue Partners, namely Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, the ROK, and the US. The Meetings also reiterated the importance of multilateralism, regionalism and international law in contributing to global and regional peace, stability and prosperity.
- 10. The Meetings welcomed the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ). The Meetings reiterated its commitment to preserving the Southeast Asian region as a Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (NWFZ) and free of all other weapons of mass destruction as enshrined in the ASEAN Charter and the SEANWFZ Treaty, and stressed the importance of the full and effective implementation of the Treaty.
- 11. The Meetings expressed concern over non-traditional threats, including cybersecurity and online scams, and looked forward to working closely with Dialogue Partners to strengthen regional response to effectively combat the threat posed by these challenges.

- 12. ASEAN appreciated the continued support from Dialogue Partners for the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025 and its successor document, the ASEAN Connectivity Strategic Plan (ACSP). ASEAN looked forward to further collaboration in advancing sustainable infrastructure, smart and sustainable urban development, digital innovation, seamless logistics and supply chains, regulatory excellence and cooperation, and people mobility under the evolving regional connectivity agenda.
- 13. ASEAN welcomed stronger cooperation and support from Dialogue Partners on our digital transformation, including through the implementation of the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA), which is on track for substantial conclusion by this year. ASEAN also welcomed Dialogue Partners' efforts to strengthen regional cybersecurity resilience.
- 14. ASEAN welcomed the continued support from Dialogue Partners in advancing regional efforts on climate action and environmental sustainability. The Meetings looked forward to enhanced cooperation in key areas such as green growth, transboundary haze pollution, marine pollution, climate change, biodiversity conservation, water resources management, waste management, environmental education, sustainable consumption and production, and sustainable cities. ASEAN also encouraged collaboration through its centres of excellence, such as the ASEAN Centre for Climate Change (ACCC), the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Transboundary Haze Pollution Control (ACCTHPC), the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), the ASEAN Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue (ACSDSD), and the ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Centre (ASMC), in supporting regional cooperation and promoting sustainable development.
- 15. In light of growing concerns over natural disasters, particularly earthquakes, typhoons and floods, ASEAN underscored the importance of strengthened disaster management cooperation with its Dialogue Partners. ASEAN appreciated continued support for the AADMER Work Programme (AWP) 2021–2025, especially in enhancing the capacity of ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) and regional emergency response mechanisms. The Meetings welcomed ongoing collaboration in areas such as early warning, prevention and mitigation, risk assessment and monitoring, response, and recovery, and looked forward to continued cooperation under the forthcoming AWP 2026–2030 and related frameworks, including the Leaders' Declaration on Sustainable Resilience.
- 16. ASEAN appreciated the continued support from Dialogue Partners in narrowing the development gaps within the region, particularly through the effective and substantive implementation of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan IV (2021–2025) and in developing the IAI Work Plan V, which will incorporate elements of, and align with the *ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future* and its Strategic Plans. The Meeting also welcomed efforts to enhance development among ASEAN's sub-regions.

- 17. ASEAN welcomed the continued support from Dialogue Partners in assisting Timor-Leste's accession to ASEAN. The Meetings encouraged continued capacity-building programmes and initiatives aimed at helping Timor-Leste fulfil all criteria outlined in the accession Roadmap.
- 18. The Meetings exchanged views on regional and international developments, reaffirming our shared commitments to promoting sustainable peace, security, stability, and prosperity within ASEAN and beyond. The Meetings emphasised the need to promote an enabling environment for peace, stability, prosperity and sustainable development for all through ensuring a culture of dialogue and cooperation, instead of rivalry, enhancing mutual trust and confidence and respect for international law.
- 19. The Meetings discussed the situation in the South China Sea on which concerns were expressed by some Ministers over incidents in the area, including actions that have eroded trust and confidence, and may undermine peace, security, and stability in the region. The Meetings reaffirmed the need to enhance mutual trust and confidence and the exercise of self-restraint. The Meetings further reaffirmed shared commitment to maintaining and promoting peace, security and stability in the region, as well as to the peaceful resolution of disputes, in accordance with the universally recognised principles of international law, including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).
- 20. The Meetings underscored the importance of the full and effective implementation of the DOC in its entirety and welcomed the progress achieved so far in the ongoing negotiations on the effective and substantive Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC), notably the completion of the third reading and renaming of the Single Draft COC Negotiating Text (SDNT) to Draft COC and encouraged continued positive momentum in this regard. In this regard, the Meetings also emphasised the importance of continued positive momentum towards the early conclusion of an effective and substantive COC that is in accordance with international law, including the 1982 UNCLOS.
- 21. The Meetings expressed deep concern over the escalation of conflicts and humanitarian situation in Myanmar, and encouraged progress on the implementation of the ASEAN Leaders' Five-Point Consensus (5PC). The Meetings noted ASEAN's united position that the 5PC remains the main reference to address the political crisis in Myanmar and further reaffirmed the relevant Leaders' decisions. The Meetings denounced the continued acts of violence against civilians and public facilities and urged all parties involved to take concrete action to immediately halt indiscriminate violence, exercise utmost restraint, ensure the protection and safety of all civilians and civilian infrastructures, and create a conducive environment for the delivery of humanitarian assistance and inclusive national dialogue. The Meetings welcomed the ASEAN Leaders' Statement on an Extended and Expanded Ceasefire in Myanmar. The Meetings also welcomed the continued progress in the provision of humanitarian assistance to Myanmar by the AHA Centre in support of Point 4 of the ASEAN Leaders' 5PC.

- 22. The Meetings expressed appreciation for the efforts of H.E. Tan Sri Othman Hashim as the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar. In carrying out his mandate, the Special Envoy has actively engaged a wide and diverse range of Myanmar stakeholders. The Special Envoy has also engaged ASEAN Member States, ASEAN Dialogue Partners, Myanmar's neighbouring countries, international and regional partners, civil society organisations, humanitarian actors, and think tanks towards finding an inclusive and sustainable resolution to the crisis. This inclusive engagement reflects ASEAN's commitment to collaborative efforts in addressing the complex challenges in Myanmar.
- 23. The Meetings expressed great concern over the continued tension in the Middle East and called on all parties concerned to exercise self-restraint, avoid acts that may escalate and already tense situation, and resolve any differences through diplomacy and dialogue in the interest of maintaining peace and stability in the region.
- 24. The dire humanitarian situation in Gaza for over 20 months is unacceptable and needs to be addressed immediately. The Meetings called for rapid, safe, unimpeded and sustained humanitarian access to all those in need, including through increased capacity at border crossings, including by sea. The Meeting commended the efforts of various ASEAN Member States and Dialogue Partners in providing humanitarian assistance to Gaza, and urged all ASEAN Member States and Dialogue Partners to continue providing and facilitating such assistance for Gaza. The Meetings reaffirmed their support for the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in the execution of its mandate.
- 25. The Meetings condemned all attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure, which have resulted in the alarming number of casualties, particularly among women and children, as humanitarian aid, relief supplies and other basic needs have led to the further deterioration of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. In this respect, the Meetings strongly urged all relevant parties to accept the ceasefire proposal as outlined in paragraph 2 of UN Security Council Resolution 2735. The Meetings called for an immediate and permanent ceasefire and the unconditional release of all hostages, especially women, children, the sick and the elderly. The Meetings also stressed the importance of release from any arbitrary detention. The Meetings called on all parties to the conflict to protect civilians and to abide by international humanitarian law and international human rights law.
- 26. The Meetings reaffirmed longstanding support for the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including the rights to self-determination, and to their homeland. In this regard, the Meetings urged all parties concerned to work towards realising the two-state solution in accordance with international law and the relevant UNSC and UNGA resolutions, including UNGA resolution A/RES/ES-10/23 on the Admission of New Members to the UN dated 10 May 2024, and UNGA resolution A/RES/ES-10/27 on protection of civilians and upholding legal and humanitarian obligations dated 12 June 2025. The Meetings took note, and some Ministers underlined the importance of the order on provisional measures issued by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on 26 January 2024. The Meetings acknowledged the Advisory Opinion of the ICJ

on 19 July 2024, which is of the opinion, among others, that the United Nations, and especially the General Assembly, which requested this opinion, and the Security Council, should consider the precise modalities and further action required to bring to an end as rapidly as possible the unlawful presence of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. In this context, the Meetings reaffirmed the importance of upholding international law.

- 27. The Meetings expressed concern over the escalation of tensions in the Middle East since 13 June 2025 with the attack by Israel on Iran and welcomed the ceasefire between Israel and Iran on 24 June 2025 brokered by the US and mediated together with Qatar. The Meetings urged all parties to respect the ceasefire and avoid further escalation of this conflict. The Meetings reaffirmed the obligation of all States to resolve their differences through peaceful means and to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations, in line with international law, including the UN Charter. The Meetings further reiterated the obligations to protect civilians and civilian infrastructures in armed conflicts consistent with international law and relevant UNSC resolutions. The Meetings supported ongoing efforts, including those led by the UN, aimed at deescalating tensions and facilitating the resumption of constructive engagement among parties involved.
- 28. The Meetings expressed concern over recent developments in the Korean Peninsula and stressed the importance of resuming peaceful dialogue among all concerned parties in order to realise lasting peace and stability in a denuclearised Korean Peninsula. The Meetings expressed grave concern over the recent surge in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's (DPRK) ongoing development of nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programmes in violation of relevant UNSC resolutions, which are worrisome developments that threaten peace and stability in the region. The Meetings called on the DPRK to comply fully with all relevant UNSC resolutions and called for peaceful dialogue among the concerned parties, and continue working towards the realisation of lasting peace and stability in a denuclearised Korean Peninsula. The Meetings called for the full implementation of all relevant UNSC resolutions and noted international efforts to bring about the complete denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula in accordance with relevant UNSC resolutions in a peaceful manner. Diplomatic efforts, including the creation of a conducive environment for peaceful dialogue among all concerned parties, should remain a priority. The Meetings reiterated its readiness to play a constructive role, including through utilising ASEAN-led platforms such as the ARF in promoting a conducive atmosphere for peaceful dialogue amongst the concerned parties. Some Ministers also emphasised the importance of addressing issues of humanitarian concerns of the international community, including the immediate resolution of the abductions and detainees issues.
- 29. With regard to Ukraine, as for all nations, the Meetings continued to reaffirm our respect for sovereignty, political independence, and territorial integrity. The Meetings reiterated our call for compliance with the UN Charter and international law. The Meetings underlined the importance of an immediate cessation of hostilities and the serious engagement in a genuine dialogue for the peaceful resolution of the conflict. The Meetings supported the efforts of the

UN Secretary-General in the search for a peaceful solution, and in this regard noted efforts to discuss the way forward for a ceasefire in Ukraine. The Meetings also called for the facilitation of rapid, safe, and unhindered access to humanitarian assistance for those in need in Ukraine, and for the protection of civilians, humanitarian personnel, and persons in vulnerable situations.

- 30. The Meetings expressed concern over rising global trade tensions and growing uncertainties in the international economic landscape, particularly the unilateral actions relating to tariffs, which are counterproductive, and risk exacerbating global economic fragmentation and pose complex challenges to ASEAN's economic stability and growth. We underscored the importance of a predictable, transparent, inclusive, free, fair, sustainable and rules-based multilateral trading system, with the World Trade Organization (WTO) at its core. We reaffirmed our commitment to work constructively with all partners to this end.
- 31. The Meetings reaffirmed support for ASEAN's commitment towards regional unity, economic stability and practical cooperation in navigating external challenges. The Meetings also reaffirmed support for ASEAN's commitment to deeper economic integration and intra-ASEAN trade and investment flows, with a focus on inclusive, resilient, and sustainable growth. The Meetings acknowledged ASEAN's commitment as a reliable economic partner to foster strengthened economic cooperation.

Australia

- 32. The ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference (PMC) with Australia was co-chaired by the Republic of Indonesia and Australia.
- 33. The Meeting welcomed the adoption of the Joint Statement on ASEAN and Australia's Shared Future, emphasising Australia's support and commitment towards the implementation of ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future.
- 34. The Meeting welcomed progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-Australia CSP (2025-2029). The Meeting looked forward to continued cooperation under the CSP, through the AUD204 million Australia for ASEAN Futures Initiative, which includes the Aus4ASEAN Scholarships, Aus4ASEAN Fellowships programme and Aus4ASEAN Digital Transformation and Future Skills Initiative, as well as initiatives announced at the 2024 ASEAN-Australia Special Summit.
- 35. The Meeting welcomed the operation of the ASEAN-Australia Centre (AAC), starting from 1 July 2024, and its activities to support the implementation of the ASEAN-Australia CSP, including flagship programmes such as the Emerging Leaders' Programme and the Inbound Short Courses. The Meeting encouraged enhanced cooperation in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) particularly through industry-focused training and internship opportunities in fields such as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and the creative economy.

- 36. The Meeting reaffirmed its commitment to deepen political-security cooperation through the implementation of the ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking programme (ASEAN ACT) (2018-2028) and the ASEAN-Australia Political Security Partnership (APSP) and active participation in the ARF.
- 37. The Meeting reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening collaboration on human rights, which has contributed to enhancing peace and prosperity in the region. The Meeting noted with appreciation Australia's ongoing support for the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) programmes and activities under the AICHR Engagement Project 2024-2025.
- 38. The Meeting welcomed Australia's ongoing work with ASEAN on conflict prevention, including Track 1.5 and Track 2 workshops on conflict prevention organised with some Member States and looked forward to a Track 1 discussion on this topic in 2025. The Meeting looked forward to the adoption of a Joint Leaders' Statement on conflict prevention and crisis management at the Fifth ASEAN-Australia Summit.
- 39. The Meeting welcomed collective efforts to enhance regional peace and security, including through expanded and advanced defence cooperation. The Meeting noted Australia's active engagement in the ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Groups (EWGs), having continuously taken up co-chairmanship in various EWGs, including on Cyber Security with Cambodia in the current 2024-2027 cycle. The Meeting further welcomed the adoption of the 2024-2025 ASEAN-Australia Programme of Work as a guiding document for ASEAN-Australia cooperation in immigration and border management.
- 40. The Meeting reaffirmed its commitment to combatting trafficking in persons (TIP) especially through the Counter Trafficking in Persons Centre of Excellence (CTIP-COE), and appreciated Australia's support in the development of the cross-sectoral Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning (MERL) Framework of the ASEAN Multi-Sectoral Work Plan Against TIP 2023-2028 (Bohol TIP Work Plan 2.0), endorsed by SOMTC and nine other relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies on 28 September 2024.
- 41. The Meeting underlined the importance of strengthening maritime cooperation and acknowledged the Second AOIP Seminar Series: Submarine Cables cochaired by Indonesia, Singapore, Australia, Japan and the Republic of Korea, held on 13 February 2025, in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- 42. The Meeting reaffirmed commitment to deepening trade and investment ties and welcomed Australia's focus on increasing two-way trade and investment through the Invested: Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040.
- 43. The Meeting reaffirmed the importance of the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA) and the RCEP Agreement for promoting and enhancing economic integration. The Meeting welcomed the timely entry-intoforce of the Second Protocol to Amend the AANZFTA on 21 April 2025, recognising its potential to create new business opportunities and enhance the Agreement's responsiveness to evolving trade dynamics and emerging economic needs. The Meeting looked forward to its full ratification and effective

implementation. The Meeting welcomed Australia's continued efforts under the Regional Trade for Development (RT4D) Initiative to support the implementation of both the AANZFTA and the RCEP through the AANZFTA Implementation Support Programme (AISP) and the RCEP Implementation Support Programme (RISP), respectively.

- 44. The Meeting appreciated Australia's support for the development of the successor IAI Work Plan V (2026-2030) through the project "Narrowing the Development Gap: ASEAN's Roadmap for the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan V". The Meeting looked forward to Australia's continued support and collaboration in the subsequent implementation of IAI Work Plan V.
- 45. The Meeting welcomed ASEAN-Australia cooperation on food security. The Meeting noted the progress in the implementation of the ASEAN-Australia Joint Leaders' Statement on Strengthening Food Security and Nutrition in Response to Crises through the ASEAN-CGIAR Innovate for Food Regional Programme and looked forward to the Meryl Williams Fellowship's ASEAN cohort in support of meaningful participation of women in ASEAN in agricultural science.
- 46. The Meeting noted the ongoing efforts by both sides to advance the energy transition, particularly through support for the APG and other green energy initiatives. The Meeting welcomed the AUD6.9 million Energy Cooperation Package under the Aus4ASEAN Futures Initiative, aimed at assisting ASEAN's green energy transition and climate change mitigation efforts through the ASEAN Centre for Energy. The Meeting welcomed Australia's continued support in advancing the recommendations of the ASEAN Green Jobs Forum 2024, particularly in the development of a Framework and Action Plan for the Promotion of Green Jobs in the region and supporting the Green Jobs Forum 2025 in Malaysia.
- 47. The Meeting appreciated Australia's support for smart and sustainable urban development, through Phase II of the ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy (ASUS), and ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN). The Meeting welcomed Australia's contribution to the region's inclusive growth and equitable, sustainable development by promoting sub-regional development, including through effective implementation of the AUD222.5 million second phase of the Mekong-Australia Partnership (2024-29).
- 48. The Meeting appreciated Australia's support, through the Aus4ASEAN Futures Initiatives in supporting ASEAN's key strategies, including in developing the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Strategic Plan, ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Strategic Plan, ASCC Database for Monitoring and Evaluation (ADME), and ASEAN Plan of Action on Science, Technology, and Innovation (APASTI) 2026-2035: Phase II.
- 49. The Meeting welcomed the Aus4ASEAN Scholarships and ASEAN Scholars Leadership Programme, Aus4ASEAN Fellowships New Colombo Plan, Australia Awards Scholarships, and Aus4ASEAN Digital Transition and Future Skills Initiative TVET Short Courses, ASEAN-Australia Centre Emerging Leaders' Program and Short Courses, and the continued contribution for the implementation of the ASEAN TVET Council (ATC) Work Plan (2021-2030)

under the Aus4ASEAN Futures Initiative, including the conduct of the Fourth ATC Regional Policy Dialogue in June 2025. The Meeting recognised the Aus4ASEAN Digital Transition and Future Skills Initiative as key to enhancing regional digital resilience. The Meeting encouraged the expansion of the initiative to include emerging areas such as smart infrastructure, green digital skills, artificial intelligence and digital trade facilitation.

- 50. The Meeting welcomed Australia's continued support for protecting and promoting migrant worker rights through the implementation of the Action Plan (2018-2025) to Implement the ASEAN Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers and the Tripartite Action to Enhance the Contribution of Labour Migration to Growth and Development (TRIANGLE) in ASEAN project and its successor programme with close consultation with ASEAN Member States, and encouraged further cooperation under relevant ASEAN Declaration and frameworks.
- 51. The Meeting welcomed Australia's support to the preparatory phase and establishment of the ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED). The Meeting also appreciated support for developing and implementing the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on One Health Initiatives through the ASEAN One Health Joint Plan of Action (2023-2030), ASEAN One Health Fellowships, and ASEAN One Health Network.
- 52. The Meeting appreciated Australia's support for ASEAN's efforts in addressing environmental challenges and looked forward to the development of the ASEAN Strategy for Carbon Neutrality and Post-2025 ASEAN Strategic Plan on Environment (ASPEN). The Meeting noted ASEAN and Australia remain committed to promoting regional resilience and adaptation through climate action including through the ASEAN Centre for Climate Change in Brunei Darussalam. The Meeting welcomed Australia's bid to host the UNFCCC COP31 in 2026, together with the Pacific, to accelerate global climate action and investment in our region.
- 53. The Meeting appreciated Australia's AUD6.1 million funding for the AHA Centre, which supported delivery of relief items, food assistance, and deployment of an aid distribution monitoring team, including in response to the earthquake in Myanmar on 28 March 2025. The Meeting appreciated Australia's contribution in providing humanitarian assistance to support Myanmar through ASEAN Monitoring Team operations, food assistance under Phase 2 (Life-Sustaining) through AHA Centre and the recent contribution of AUD 1 million for the 7.7 Mandalay earthquake response. The Meeting invites Australia to further collaborate in the field of disaster management, especially to implement the upcoming ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Work Programme 2026-2030 and Leaders' Declaration on Sustainable Resilience.
- 54. The Meeting welcomed Australia's support for ASEAN's work on advancing gender equality and social inclusion, including through the implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening the Care Economy and Fostering Resilience Towards the post-2025 ASEAN Community, ASEAN Gender Mainstreaming Strategic Framework, and programmes addressing gender

- inequalities, all forms of gender-based violence and the rights of women and children. The Meeting also commended Australia's support for the implementation of the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on Women, Peace and Security (ASEAN RPA WPS).
- 55. The Meeting encouraged ASEAN and Australia to enhance collaboration in rural development and poverty eradication, including through the ASEAN Villages Network and Aus4ASEAN Futures Initiative.

Canada

- 56. The ASEAN PMC with Canada was co-chaired by Lao PDR and Canada.
- 57. The Meeting noted with satisfaction the full implementation of the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-Canada Enhanced Partnership (2021-2025). The Meeting looked forward to the adoption of the new Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-Canada Strategic Partnership (2026-2030).
- 58. The Meeting welcomed progress in implementing the 2023 Joint Leaders' Statement on ASEAN-Canada Strategic Partnership. The Meeting welcomed the adoption of the ASEAN-Canada Joint Leaders' Statement on Enhancing ASEAN Connectivity and Resilience during the ASEAN-Canada Special Summit on Enhancing ASEAN Connectivity and Resilience on 10 October 2024.
- 59. The Meeting noted that political-security engagement between ASEAN and Canada continues to strengthen on multiple fronts, including through Canada's active participation in the ARF and SOMTC + Canada Consultation. The Meeting noted the negotiation of the new ASEAN-Canada Work Plan to Combat Transnational Crime is ongoing and looked forward to its adoption.
- 60. The Meeting took note of Canada's continued interest in joining the East Asia Summit and ADMM-Plus and further welcomed Canada's admittance for the second time as an observer in the ADMM-Plus EWGs on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) and on Maritime Security (MS) for the 2024-2027 cycle.
- 61. The Meeting welcomed Canada's support for the implementation of the ASEAN RPA WPS through the 'Empowering Women for Sustainable Peace: Preventing Violence and Promoting Social Cohesion in ASEAN Advancing WPS in ASEAN' project, funding the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) December 2024 event entitled "Empowering Participation: Ensuring Women's Full and Meaningful Involvement in Peacekeeping Efforts," and supporting the upcoming Second ASEAN Summit on WPS in September 2025, under Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN and their contributions to advancing ASEAN's broader initiatives on gender equality and women's empowerment, including its support for the August 2024 ASEAN Women's Leader Summit in Vientiane, Lao PDR and funding for the Women in Foreign Policy Fellowship Southeast Asia Edition initiative of the Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia.

- 62. The Meeting welcomed Canada's support for the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) in its efforts to increase women's political participation in the region, including through the development of the Plan of Action and Implementation Framework on promoting Women's Political Participation and Leadership (WPPL) 2024-2030, which was adopted at the 45th AIPA General Assembly in Vientiane, Lao PDR in October 2024.
- 63. The Meeting welcomed Canada's continued support for organisations in the ASEAN region through the provision of technical assistance aimed at promoting more inclusive, sustainable, and poverty-reducing trade and investment. This support is extended to Official Development Assistance (ODA)-eligible countries in the Indo-Pacific region under the CAD11.6 million Canadian Trade and Investment Facility for Development (CTIF).
- 64. The Meeting reaffirmed Canada's commitment to strengthening collaboration with ASEAN as a reliable trading partner, to address global security threats and enhance economic security and supply-chain resilience. The Meeting committed to work together to support trade diversification and economic cooperation for the benefit of both ASEAN and Canada's economies.
- 65. The Meeting encouraged further enhancing ASEAN-Canada economic cooperation through the full and effective implementation of the ASEAN-Canada Joint Declaration on Trade and Investment (JDTI) Work Plan (2021-2025) and its successor document. The Meeting noted the progress of ASEAN-Canada Free Trade Agreement (ACAFTA) negotiations this year and looked forward to its substantial conclusion.
- 66. The Meeting welcomed increased sectoral cooperation in areas such as energy and food security and welcomed the 2024 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the ASEAN Centre for Energy and Canada-ASEAN Business Council (CABC).
- 67. The Meeting expressed appreciation for Canada's efforts to strengthen trade relationships with ASEAN Member States through the Team Canada Trade Missions.
- 68. The Meeting looked forward to collaborating to strengthen food security, resilience and nutrition in response to crises and enhancing cooperation to ensure long-term resilience and sustainability of agri-food systems in line with the ASEAN-Canada Joint Leaders' Statement on Strengthening Food Security and Nutrition in Response to Crises. The Meeting commended the 2024 opening of the Indo-Pacific Agriculture and Agri-Food Office (IPAAO).
- 69. The Meeting noted the importance of cooperation between ASEAN and Canada to strengthening digital infrastructure and cybersecurity, fostering regulatory coherence in areas like cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and the internet, and advancing innovation and research, in support of the goals outlined in the ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025 and its successor document.

- 70. The Meeting welcomed Canada's recent replenishment of the ASEAN-Canada Plan of Action Trust Fund (ACPOATF), bringing Canada's total contribution thus far to CAD 5 million out of the total of CAD 11.7 million through 2028. The Meeting noted that the ACPOATF has been supporting the participation of ASEAN's Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in key regional activities, including the 12th and 13th ACAFTA Trade Negotiation Committee (TNC) and Related Meetings held in Jakarta and Kuala Lumpur, respectively. Canada highlighted that the Trust Fund remains fully active and reiterated its commitment to its effective implementation. The Meeting noted that in May 2025, the IAI Task Force endorsed the ACAFTA negotiations support project funded by the ACPOATF as an IAI project.
- 71. The Meeting welcomed Canada's continued support for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), including efforts to strengthen the capacity and financial access of women-led businesses, in the region. It was noted that promoting opportunities for MSMEs to engage in innovation and business-oriented research and development (R&D) partnerships forms part of ASEAN-Canada's efforts to advance priority areas of cooperation under the AOIP.
- 72. The Meeting appreciated the Canada-ASEAN Scholarships and Educational Exchanges for Development (SEED) initiative, which has been providing scholarships for students from ASEAN Member States to study and conduct research in Canada since September 2018. Canada noted the planned expansion of the programme with an additional CAD12.3 million allocated over five years to provide more opportunities for ASEAN students.
- 73. The Meeting welcomed Canada's contribution to the implementation of the AWP 2021-2025 through the project on ASEAN Protection, Resilience, and Inclusion for Multi-Hazard Emergencies (ASEAN-PRIME) 2022-2027, which is implemented by the AHA Centre. The Meeting invites Canada to collaborate in the implementation of the upcoming AADMER Work Programme 2026-2030 and Leaders' Declaration on Sustainable Resilience.
- 74. The Meeting acknowledged Canada's continued support to ASEAN in disaster management through its contribution to the AHA Centre for the project titled "Building Regional Resilience Through Anticipatory Action and Civil Society Empowerment" (ASEAN-BRACE), which is providing CAD5 million over four years (2024-2028) to support the AHA Centre in strengthening disaster resilience in the region.
- 75. The Meeting commended Canada's long-standing cooperation in strengthening regional health security through the Mitigation of Biological Threats (MBT) Programme which has been ongoing since 2014. The Meeting highlighted that the Programme has contributed significantly to advancing biosafety and biosecurity, enhancing disease surveillance, and improving emergency preparedness and response. It has also played a key role in strengthening the interface between health and security sectors, as well as fostering national and regional coordination to address all manner of biological threats, whether natural, accidental or deliberate in origin. The Meeting recalled that the MBT Programme supported ASEAN in the drafting and adoption of the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Strengthening Regional Biosafety and Biosecurity at

the 44th and 45th ASEAN Summits in October 2024. The Meeting appreciated Canada's support to ASEAN to implement the aforementioned Declaration, such as through a regional dialogue on "Strengthening Biosecurity and Health Security Collaboration in the ASEAN Region" held in January 2025 in Jakarta, and development of a Plan of Action in 2025. The Meeting looked forward to Canada's support for the operationalisation of the ACPHEED.

- 76. The Meeting welcomed Canada's continuing support to ASEAN's efforts on gender mainstreaming through its active engagement with the ASEAN Gender Mainstreaming Steering Committee (AGMSC) and supporting the implementation of the ASEAN Gender Mainstreaming Strategic Framework (AGMSF) Implementation Plan.
- 77. The Meeting underlined the importance of digital innovation and encouraged Canada's continued collaboration, building on Canada's support for the "Regional study on the impacts of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) on Marginalised and Vulnerable groups" towards a more inclusive ASEAN Community post-2025.

China

- 78. The ASEAN PMC with China was co-chaired by Malaysia and the People's Republic of China.
- 79. The Meeting noted the significant progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity (2021-2025) and its Annex to advance the ASEAN-China CSP for Peace, Security, Prosperity, and Sustainable Development. The Meeting agreed on the new Plan of Action (2026-2030) to Implement the ASEAN-China CSP. The Meeting reaffirmed its commitment to implementing the ASEAN-China Joint Statement on Mutually Beneficial Cooperation on the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP) and looked forward to undertaking practical cooperation under the four priority areas of the AOIP.
- 80. The Meeting noted China's proposal to designate the year 2026 as the ASEAN-China Year on the Fifth Anniversary of the CSP and hold a series of commemorative activities.
- 81. The Meeting acknowledged China's active efforts to advance ASEAN-China cooperation, including China's vision to build an ASEAN-China community with a shared future, and taking note of China's initiative to build a peaceful, safe, secure, and prosperous region.
- 82. The Meeting welcomed China's willingness to sign the Protocol to the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone without reservations, in accordance with ASEAN's position on the accession of nuclear weapon states (NWS) to the Protocol as contained in the Joint Communique of the 58th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

- 83. The Meeting called for the effective implementation of the ASEAN-China Foreign Ministers' Joint Statement on Strengthening Humanitarian Mine Action Cooperation. The Meeting also acknowledged China's contribution to the work of the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC) in addressing explosive remnants of war (ERW) in the region.
- 84. The Meeting underscored joint efforts in addressing escalating threats posed by cybercrime and online scams, and called for the effective implementation of the ASEAN-China Joint Statement on Combatting Telecommunication Network Fraud and Online Gambling.
- 85. The Meeting welcomed the full conclusion of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA) 3.0 Upgrade Negotiations and reaffirmed the commitment to signing the ACFTA 3.0 this year. The Meeting noted that the upgraded agreement will enhance existing cooperation and introduce new areas, including the digital economy, green economy, supply chain connectivity, competition and consumer protection, and support for MSMEs.
- 86. The Meeting underscored the importance of advancing the implementation of the ASEAN-China Joint Statement on Synergising the MPAC 2025 and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), while promoting high-quality cooperation under BRI. The Meeting agreed to further explore mutually beneficial development cooperation with the Global Development Initiative (GDI), that could support the ongoing ASEAN Community-building efforts. The Meeting looked forward to exploring the possibility of further liberalising of traffic rights under the ASEAN-China Air Transport Agreement (AC-ATA) and the progressive resumption of direct flights between ASEAN Member States and China as a means to strengthen regional connectivity and support people-to-people exchanges.
- 87. The Meeting agreed to continue discussion on exploring a partnership on blue economy between ASEAN and China, as envisaged in the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership Vision 2030, to promote marine sustainable development, while noting China's concept paper on a joint statement on the establishment of the ASEAN-China blue economy partnership.
- 88. The Meeting appreciated China's support for ASEAN's energy transition efforts through the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (2016-2025) (APAEC) and ASEAN-China Clean Energy Cooperation Centre, as well as support for ASEAN's work towards low-carbon transition. The Meeting also encouraged China to support ASEAN's ongoing efforts to accelerate the establishment of the APG initiative, including through capacity building or infrastructure development.
- 89. The Meeting welcomed the ASEAN-China Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cooperation in Communications and Digital Technology (2024-2029) and ASEAN-China Joint Statement on Initiative on Facilitating Cooperation in Building a Sustainable and Inclusive Digital Ecosystem in 2024. The Meeting also appreciated China's initiative to develop the ASEAN-China Action Plan on the Cooperation in Building a Sustainable and Inclusive Digital Ecosystem (2026-2030), which was proposed at the Fifth ADGMIN+China in January 2025.

- 90. The Meeting noted the importance of strengthening the exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China in the field of AI, and welcomed the Symposium on ASEAN-China Cooperation on AI Development and Governance held in Cambodia. The Meeting commended China's efforts to promote global AI governance. The Meeting reaffirmed the commitment to implementing the United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/78/311 entitled "Enhance International Cooperation on Capacity-Building of Artificial Intelligence".
- 91. The Meeting welcomed the continuation of the ASEAN-China Year of Peopleto-People Exchange (ACYPPE) this year, recognising its role in deepening cultural ties and fostering greater interaction and friendship between ASEAN and China, as part of China's efforts in implementing its Global Civilization Initiative (GCI). The Meeting looked forward to promoting closer people-to-people ties, including through culture, education, tourism, and technical and vocational education and training, as well as through the formal establishment of the ASEAN-China Tourism Ministers' Meeting as a platform to enhance tourism cooperation.
- 92. The Meeting noted China's proposal to establish an ASEAN-China Network of Academies on Governance and Public Administration and Think-tanks, to be deliberated under the ASEAN Cooperation on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM) framework. The Meeting also noted China's strong commitment to expanding scholarships and exchange programmes for ASEAN students, including through the ASEAN-China Young Leaders' Scholarship.
- 93. The Meeting welcomed the ongoing implementation of the ASEAN-China Workplan on Disaster Management to contribute to regional disaster resilience through capacity building, sharing of information, good practices and experiences under the coordination of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) and China.
- 94. The Meeting welcomed the progress on the implementation of the Framework of ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2025 through China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Week in June 2025 and looked forward to the development of the new framework of ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Strategy and Action Plan 2026-2030.
- 95. The Meeting welcomed China's support to ASEAN's efforts in strengthening regional biosafety and biosecurity through various ways, including practical cooperation programs and the continuation of regional workshops.
- 96. The Meeting acknowledged the Ninth ASEAN-China Health Ministers' Meeting (ACHMM) held in August 2024 under the theme of Strengthening Health System and Access to Care, and appreciated China's partnership with ASEAN through the Programme on Public Health Emergency Preparedness Capacity (PROMPT). The Meeting welcomed the establishment of the ASEAN-China Women and Children's Health Cooperation Centre (ACWCC) as a shared priority to improve maternal, newborn and child health, reproductive care and nutrition.

- 97. The Meeting called for stronger ASEAN-China partnership in addressing poverty and rural development, including in the implementation of ASEAN Framework Action Plan (FAP) on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (RDPE) 2021-2025, its successor document, and ASEAN Villages Network (AVN).
- 98. The Meeting noted China's continued support for ASEAN's sub-regional development through the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC), BIMP-EAGA-China Cooperation (BECC) and other relevant frameworks.
- 99. The Meeting welcomed China's rolling out of "ASEAN visa" for ASEAN Member States and observer state Timor-Leste, which offers five-year multiple-entry visas to eligible applicants visiting China for business purposes, including their spouses and children, granting a maximum stay of 180 days. ASEAN Member States and observer state Timor-Leste will also provide visa facilities for Chinese citizens, in accordance with their respective bilateral agreements.
- 100. The Meeting encouraged the effective implementation of the ASEAN-China Agreement on Technical Cooperation as a framework to strengthen human and institutional capacity and promote technical cooperation, with a view to enhancing mutual trust and confidence between ASEAN and China.
- 101. The Meeting welcomed the convening of the 2nd ASEAN-GCC Summit and the ASEAN-GCC-China Summit in May 2025 at the margins of the 46th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur. The Meeting looked forward to enhancing relations between ASEAN, China and the GCC, by strengthening cooperation on supply chain resilience, digital and green economies, enhancing economic integration, and supporting sustainable growth and energy transition efforts in the region in response to global challenges and exploring cooperation in the field of halal food.

European Union

- 102. The ASEAN PMC with the EU was co-chaired by Brunei Darussalam and the EU.
- 103. The Meeting welcomed the progress in the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-EU Strategic Partnership (2023-2027) and looked forward to its continued implementation.
- 104. The Meeting encouraged both sides to realise the goals and objectives stipulated in the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 24th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting (AEMM) and Joint Leaders' Statement of the ASEAN-EU Commemorative Summit 2022.
- 105. The Meeting welcomed the progress in ASEAN-EU engagement on traditional and non-traditional security, and defence-related issues. The Meeting welcomed the extension of the ASEAN-EU Work Plan to Combat Terrorism and Transnational Crime 2022-2027 and called for its effective implementation.

- 106. The Meeting welcomed the continued support by the Enhanced Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (E-READI) including the planned convening of the sixth ASEAN-EU Policy Dialogue on Human Rights in October 2025 and the completion of the second ASEAN Employment Outlook.
- 107. The Meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment to strengthening ASEAN-EU trade and economic relations, with the intention to pursue more concrete sectoral cooperation in areas of mutual interest as building blocks toward an eventual ASEAN-EU FTA, through leveraging on existing bilateral FTAs between the EU and ASEAN Member States. The Meeting also welcomed the outcomes of the 20th AEM-EU Trade Commissioner Consultation held in September 2024 in Vientiane.
- 108. The Meeting expressed appreciation to the EU for its continued support under the ASEAN-EU 2024 Digital Work Plan, which includes the development of the ASEAN Digital Index (ADIX). The Meeting also welcomed the ASEAN-EU 2025 Digital Work Plan for the development of the ADIX, supported by the EU-funded Enhanced Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (E-READI).
- 109. The Meeting appreciated the EU as an important trading partner and welcomed joint efforts to promote ASEAN-EU connectivity, including through the Global Gateway flagship cooperation programmes namely the EU-ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity Package (SCOPE) and the ASEAN-EU Green Initiative, and looked forward to the implementation of the SCOPE-Trade, SCOPE-IPR, and SCOPE APP.
- 110. The Meeting welcomed the First ASEAN-EU Technical Energy Workshop in April 2025 in Bangkok under the auspices of the ASEAN-EU Energy Dialogue and supported by the EU's Technical Assistance Facility to the Green Team Europe Initiative.
- 111. The Meeting looked forward to the continuation of the Joint Working Group on Palm Oil between the European Union and relevant ASEAN Member States to continue promoting mutual understanding and addressing the challenges in this sector in a holistic, transparent, and non-discriminatory manner.
- 112. The Meeting welcomed continued ASEAN-EU people-to-people connectivity, including through the SCOPE Higher Education programme (2024-2028) and exchanges among researchers, students, and youth.
- 113. The Meeting welcomed efforts to strengthen ASEAN-EU disaster management cooperation through the Administrative Arrangement signed on 17 October 2024 between the AHA Centre and Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations of the European Commission. The Meeting appreciated ongoing collaboration with the EU in implementing the AWP 2021-2025 through the Integrated Programme in Enhancing the Capacity of AHA Centre and ASEAN Emergency Response Mechanisms (EU-SAHA Programme).

- 114. The Meeting appreciated the EU's continued cooperation with ASEAN in the areas of environment and climate change, and encouraged the EU's support for the ASEAN Centre for Climate Change, including through knowledge sharing, capacity building, and the development of mitigation and adaptation strategies. The Meeting also looked forward to the convening of the First ASEAN-EU Ministerial Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change in Malaysia, as well as the ASEAN-EU Dialogue on Sustainable Development in Brussels in 2025 to complement the timely implementation of the ASEAN-EU Green Team Europe Initiative.
- 115. The Meeting looked forward to the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between ASEAN and the EU in 2027 and encouraged both sides to launch preparations with a view to delivering concrete outcomes at a Commemorative Summit to mark the occasion.

<u>India</u>

- 116. The ASEAN PMC with India was co-chaired by the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of India.
- 117. The Meeting noted with satisfaction the full implementation of the ASEAN-India POA 2021-2025, with all measures either completed or underway. The Meeting adopted the Plan of Action to Implement ASEAN-India CSP 2026-2030 and looked forward to the effective implementation of the new POA.
- 118. The Meeting welcomed India's proposal to designate 2026 as the "ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation" and endorsed it for the Leaders' approval at the 22nd ASEAN-India Summit in October 2025. The Meeting also took note of India's proposals to hold a second ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise.
- 119. The Meeting emphasised the importance of strengthening ASEAN-India economic relations, particularly through the ongoing negotiations on the Review of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA), and looked forward to timely, substantial, meaningful and mutually beneficial outcomes that enhance its relevance in the evolving global landscape. The Meeting encouraged both sides to leverage their economic complementarities to promote greater supply chain integration and resilience in support of sustainable and inclusive growth, including through expediting the review process toward the conclusion of the Review of the AITIGA. The Meeting also noted the continued engagement with the ASEAN-India Business Council (AIBC), including its active participation in ASEAN Economic Community Dialogue sessions and initiatives coordinated by the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC).
- 120. The Meeting welcomed the designation of 2025 as the ASEAN-India Year of Tourism and India's commitment of USD5 million toward ASEAN tourism initiatives. The Meeting looked forward to the adoption of the ASEAN-India Joint Leaders' Statement on Sustainable Tourism at the upcoming 22nd ASEAN-India Summit.

- 121. Under science, technology and innovation, the Meeting noted the inaugural ASEAN-India Women Scientists' Conclave in 2024, inaugural ASEAN-India Scale Hub, and second edition of the ASEAN-India Start-up Festival. The Meeting also emphasised continued engagement through the ASEAN Digital Ministers' Meeting.
- 122. The Meeting acknowledged the 8th Meeting of the ASEAN-India Network of Think-Tanks (AINTT) co-hosted by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and ASEAN-India Centre in November 2024 as a valuable platform for the policymakers and scholars from India and the Southeast Asia region to discuss and deliberate on the common economic, geopolitical and geostrategic challenges.
- 123. The Meeting welcomed the establishment and operationalisation of the ASEAN-India Fund for Digital Future (AIFDF). The Meeting noted the convening of the First ASEAN-India Track 1 Cyber Policy Dialogue in October 2024 and looked forward to the implementation of digital sector training programmes in 2025.
- 124. The Meeting noted progress under the Medium-Term Plan of Action for ASEAN-India Cooperation in Agriculture and Forestry (2021-2025), and looked forward to new project proposals in climate-smart agriculture, ICT application in agriculture, transboundary plant pest and animal disease management, sustainable use of agrochemicals, and regenerative agriculture.
- 125. The Meeting expressed appreciation for India's support to the ASEAN education sector through the ASEAN-India Network of Universities, Scholarship Funds for Students from CLMV and ASEAN Countries Pursuing Master/Postgraduate Diploma at Nalanda University. The Meeting welcomed the launch of the Scholarship for PhD/Masters/Postgraduate Diploma programmes for the academic years 2024 and 2025.
- 126. The Meeting appreciated India's support for ASEAN health priorities and noted India's interest in establishing a regular ASEAN-India Health Ministers' Meeting. The Meeting further appreciated India's ongoing initiative on "Inviting Representatives from ASEAN Member States to Annual National Cancer Grid Meeting (5 Years)".
- 127. The Meeting welcomed India's cooperation in promoting social protection through the advancement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, as well as the promotion of the rights and welfare of children and persons with disabilities.
- 128. The Meeting acknowledged that ASEAN-India cooperation contributes to the implementation of the ASEAN Gender Mainstreaming Strategic Framework across all three ASEAN Community pillars, promoting gender equality and women's empowerment.

- 129. The Meeting appreciated India's support for the ongoing policy discussion on the feasibility study of the envisaged ASEAN Cultural Heritage List (ACHL). The Meeting further appreciated India's contribution in promoting ASEAN awareness through initiatives, such as the ASEAN Magazine (Phase 3).
- 130. Under people-to-people exchanges, the Meeting noted the successful implementation of the ASEAN-India Media Exchange Programme, ASEAN-India Artists' Camp and exhibitions, ASEAN-India Music Festival, 8th edition of ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks, and the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of Indian Mission to ASEAN. The Meeting welcomed India's plan to convene the Fifth ASEAN-India Youth Summit this year in India.
- 131. The Meeting encouraged strengthened disaster management cooperation, including through the implementation of the Memorandum of Intent between the AHA Centre and National Disaster Management Authority of India.
- 132. The Meeting commended India's steadfast commitment to ASEAN connectivity and encouraged collaboration to support the implementation of MPAC 2025 and its succeeding ASEAN Connectivity Strategic Plan, in alignment with India's Act East Policy and the "Connecting the Connectivities" approach. The Meeting called for the timely completion of the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway and its extension to the Lao PDR, Cambodia and Viet Nam.

Japan

- 133. The ASEAN PMC with Japan was co-chaired by Singapore and Japan.
- 134. The Meeting welcomed the significant progress in the Implementation Plan of the Joint Vision Statement on ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation Trusted Partners and reaffirmed commitments to strengthening the ASEAN-Japan CSP towards maintaining peace, security, stability, and prosperity in the region. The Meeting looked forward to Japan's proposal to issue a Joint Statement on Further Promotion and Implementation of the AOIP at the 28th ASEAN-Japan Summit, which would build on the first joint statement on AOIP cooperation adopted in 2020.
- 135. The Meeting agreed to continue enhancing cooperation on security issues of common interest, including transnational crime, cybersecurity, maritime security, non-proliferation and disarmament through ASEAN-led mechanisms. The Meeting underlined the need to ensure the timely and effective implementation of the SOMTC + Japan Work Plan on Cooperation to Combat Transnational Crime (2023-2027) and to strengthen efforts in combatting illicit drugs in the region, particularly under the framework of ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting on Drug Matters (ASOD) + Japan Consultation. The Meeting welcomed Japan's continued support for cybersecurity capacity building for ASEAN Member States through the ASEAN-Japan Cybersecurity Policy and Working Group Meetings, ASEAN-Japan Cybersecurity Capacity Building Centre (AJCCBC), ASEAN-Singapore Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence (ASCCE) and ASEAN Regional Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT). The Meeting encouraged closer cooperation in combating escalating

- threats of cybercrime and online scams. The Meeting noted Japan's support for the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Centre (SEAFDEC), particularly in combating Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated fishing.
- The Meeting welcomed the progress in defence cooperation and encouraged Japan to strengthen security cooperation with ASEAN, including co-chairing the ADMM-Plus EWG on Maritime Security in the 2024-2027 cycle with the Philippines. The Meeting also acknowledged Japan's effort to enhance capacity building of ASEAN Member States through Japan-led platforms through the implementation of the Vientiane Vision 2.0: Japan's Defense Cooperation Initiative with ASEAN and Japan-ASEAN Ministerial Initiative for Enhanced Defense Cooperation: JASMINE, which are monitored through the Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum. The Meeting welcomed Japan's support for the ASEAN-Japan Table-Top Exercise such as on Chemical, Biological and Radiological Threats, and looked forward to its participation. The Meeting appreciated Japan's continued support in addressing humanitarian aspects of landmines and explosive remnants of war through ARMAC.
- 137. The Meeting welcomed Japan's efforts to strengthen cooperation with the AICHR in promoting human rights and expressed appreciation for Japan's continued support for AICHR's programmes and activities.
- 138. The Meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment to enhancing cooperation in law and justice, including through the implementation of the ASEAN-Japan Work Plan on Law and Justice. In this regard, the Meeting welcomes the ASEAN-Japan joint session on International Arbitration and Mediation Development in the ASEAN Law Forum in August 2025, in Kuala Lumpur. The Meeting looked forward to the 1st ASEAN Plus Japan Law Ministers' Meeting to be held alongside the 13th ASEAN Law Ministers Meeting in November 2025, in Manila.
- The Meeting emphasised the importance of further strengthening ASEAN-Japan trade and investment relations, particularly through the effective implementation of the ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP) and RCEP Agreements, including in the progress of the discussion towards introducing the electronic certificate of origin (e-CO) data exchange scheme for the AJCEP Agreement. ASEAN suggested an upgrade of the AJCEP Agreement to ensure that it remains fit-for-future purpose and responsive, and include new growth areas such as the digital, green, and supply chain domains. The Meeting also noted the ongoing initiatives and engagements led by the AEM-Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) Consultation, AEM-METI Economic and Industrial Cooperation Committee (AMEICC), Federation of Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry in ASEAN, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), ASEAN-Japan Business Council, and ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC), all of which have contributed to enhancing business-to-business cooperation and connectivity. The Meeting welcomed the progress of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) efforts to support ASEAN Member States in attracting more, better, and safe foreign direct investment (FDI).

- 140. The Meeting encouraged the effective implementation of the "Future Design and Action Plan of Innovative and Sustainable ASEAN-Japan Economic Co-Creation 2023-2033" to realise the ASEAN-Japan Economic Co-Creation Vision. The Meeting welcomed initiatives such as the AMEICC Supply Chain Upgrading Subsidy in boosting investments in high technologies through public-private partnerships and ensuring stable and resilient regional supply chains, as well as greater connectivity. The Meeting encouraged Japan to contribute to ASEAN's capacity building, particularly in emerging areas such as digital trade, AI, 5G/6G, Data Free Flow with Trust and Open RAN, among others. The Meeting also encouraged further collaboration under the ASEAN-Japan Co-Creation Initiative for the Next-Generation Automotive Industry. The Meeting noted the steady progress to promote quality infrastructure projects through "Leading Asia's Private Infrastructure Fund 2 (LEAP2)" with Japan and the Asian Development Bank as part of initiatives to expand and leverage Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)'s Private-Sector Investment Finance.
- 141. The Meeting appreciated Japan's commitment to strengthening STI cooperation through initiatives such as Japan-ASEAN Science, Technology and Innovation Platform, Networked Exchange, United Strength for Stronger Partnerships between Japan and ASEAN (NEXUS) and Improvement of Rice Paddy Area Statistics and Damage Assessment using Earth Observation Satellites for ASEAN.
- 142. The Meeting welcomed Japan's support for the Comprehensive Review of the ASEAN Strategic Plan for Information and Media (2016-2025) and Development of a New Work Plan and looked forward to the project's completion in December 2025.
- 143. The Meeting affirmed the necessity of enhancing energy cooperation to accelerate energy transitions through various practical pathways tailored to national circumstances in achieving sustainable economic growth, energy security and addressing climate change simultaneously. The Meeting looked forward to collaboration with Japan through initiatives such as the Asia Zero Emission Community and Asia Energy Transition Initiative, and reaffirmed support for the expeditious establishment of the APG by 2045.
- 144. The Meeting appreciated Japan's support and the progress made in the implementation of the Strategic Programme for ASEAN Climate and Environment (SPACE) in addressing the triple global crisis of climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss in the region, and welcomed the convening of the upcoming ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change (AJMDEC).
- 145. The Meeting underscored the significance of the ASEAN-Japan MIDORI Cooperation Plan in strengthening resilient and sustainable agriculture and food systems to advance regional food security.
- 146. The Meeting looked forward to the successful conclusion of a more liberal and mutually beneficial ASEAN-Japan Air Services Agreement with a view to enhancing air connectivity between and beyond Japan and ASEAN Member States. It also noted the progress of various projects and activities under the

- ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership, aimed at enhancing regional connectivity and cooperation in the transport sector.
- 147. The Meeting welcomed Japan's active role in the ASCN, including the annual ASEAN-Japan Smart Cities Network High-Level Meeting.
- 148. The Meeting encouraged Japan's further support and contribution to the IAI, particularly in the areas of digital and green capacity-building projects by tapping on Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) 3.0. The Meeting also appreciated Japan's continued support for the IAI Attachment Programme, and Master's Degree Programme for the IAI Attachment Programme Graduates from CLMV Countries.
- 149. The Meeting appreciated Japan's support, through the JAIF in supporting ASEAN's key strategies, including in developing the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Strategic Plan and AADMER Work Programme (AWP) 2026–2030.
- 150. The Meeting appreciated and encouraged further implementation of the projects under ASEAN-Japan Technical Cooperation Agreement (TCA) by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which would further contribute to the ASEAN Community building efforts across the pillars. The Meeting appreciated the AJC for its contribution to the promotion of trade, investment, tourism, and people-to-people exchanges.
- 151. The Meeting appreciated Japan's support for the establishment and operation of the ACPHEED in the three host ASEAN Member States. The Meeting looked forward to Japan's continued support to the ASEAN Regional Reserves of Medical Supplies for Public Health Emergencies.
- 152. The Meeting reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening healthcare and welfare systems through the Asia Health and Wellbeing Initiative and Japan's Global Health Strategy, with the goal of achieving more resilient, equitable, and sustainable universal health coverage (UHC) in the region. It noted the importance of mobilizing private capital in global health and welcomed the efforts of Impact Investment Initiative for Global Health (Triple I for GH). The Meeting also encouraged enhanced cooperation in improving health and welfare services for the elderly, including through the ASEAN Centre for Active Ageing and Innovation (ACAI) and annual ASEAN-Japan High-Level Officials Meeting on Caring Societies.
- 153. The Meeting acknowledged Japan as a strong and long-standing supporter of ASEAN in strengthening disaster management and appreciated Japan's continued collaboration in building disaster resilience in the region through the implementation of the ASEAN-Japan Work Plan on Disaster Management (AJWPDM) 2021-2025, and looked forward to further cooperation under the successor document. The Meeting further appreciated Japan's support, through the AHA Centre, for the strengthening of the Disaster Emergency Logistics System for ASEAN (DELSA), the ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT) and the AHA Centre Executive Leadership in Emergency and Disaster Management Programme (ACE-LEDMP), which

- have greatly contributed to the recent disaster responses including earthquakes, typhoons and floods.
- 154. The Meeting appreciated Japan's cooperation in disaster management through the development of the AADMER Work Programme (2026-2030) funded by JAIF. The Meeting invited Japan to explore cooperation on the implementation of Leaders' Declaration on Sustainable Resilience to enhance disaster and climate resilience across the region.
- 155. The Meeting appreciated Japan's support for the development of the ASEAN Climate Change Strategic Action Plan 2025-2030 (ACCSAP) to achieve the ASEAN's Climate Vision 2050.
- 156. The Meeting encouraged ASEAN and Japan to explore potential collaborations in rural development and poverty eradication guided by the ASEAN Framework Action Plan (FAP) on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (RDPE) 2021-2025 and its successor document through existing mechanisms, such as the ASEAN Villages Network.
- 157. The Meeting welcomed the continued promotion of people-to-people exchanges, as well as cooperation in education, sports, culture, science and technology, and research through various programmes. These include the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS), MEXT Scholarship, ASEAN Human Educational Development Scholarship Partners Program (AHEAD50), ASEAN University/Southeast Asia Engineering Development Network (SEED-Net), Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0, Sakura Science Exchange Programme, International Fellowships for Research in Japan, Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Programme (SSEAYP), and exchanges facilitated by the ASEAN Council of Japan Alumni (ASCOJA) and Asia Japan Alumni (ASJA) International. The Meeting also recognised initiatives such as Sport for Tomorrow, ASEAN-Japan Actions on Sports, and the ASIA KAKEHASHI Project+. Furthermore, the Meeting underscored the importance of enhancing cultural cooperation through the ASEAN-Japan Work Plan on Cooperation in Culture and the Arts (2022–2025).
- 158. The Meeting looked forward to further strengthening cooperation on sports through the ASEAN Plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Sports mechanism, and events under the ASEAN Football4SDGs organised by JAIF, most recently in April 2025. We also welcomed the formulation of the Chiang Mai Declaration on Strengthening ASEAN-Japan Cooperation on Sports towards 2030.
- 159. The Meeting also appreciated Japan's support for the ASEAN Junior Fellowship Programme (AJFP), which provides a platform for junior officials to network, as well as gain further understanding on the work of ASEAN.
- 160. The Meeting congratulated Japan on successfully hosting the Expo 2025 Osaka, in Kansai, Japan, with the theme "Designing Future Society for Our Lives," and thanked Japan for supporting the participation of ASEAN Member States, Timor-Leste, and the ASEAN Secretariat through the JAIF.

New Zealand

- 161. The ASEAN PMC with New Zealand was co-chaired by Viet Nam and New Zealand.
- 162. The Meeting reiterated the importance of forging closer ASEAN-New Zealand partnership, particularly in the current environment of heightened regional and global instability and uncertainty, and reaffirmed our strong commitment to promote and maintain a peaceful, prosperous and rules-based Indo-Pacific region anchored in ASEAN-led mechanisms. The Meeting reaffirmed support for the objectives and principles of the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific.
- 163. The Meeting noted with satisfaction the substantive progress on the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-New Zealand Strategic Partnership (2021-2025) across the three ASEAN Community pillars, with all action lines addressed under the four key themes of Peace, Prosperity, People and Planet. The Meeting looked forward to the adoption of a new Plan of Action (2026-2030) within this year to further strengthen the ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue Relations over the next five years.
- 164. The Meeting welcomed the 50th anniversary of ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue Relations and looked forward to the convening of the ASEAN-New Zealand Commemorative Summit in the margins of the 47th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits in October 2025, during which the ASEAN-New Zealand CSP that is meaningful, substantive, and mutually beneficial, is expected to be established. The Meeting endorsed the ASEAN-New Zealand Leaders' Joint Vision Statement on the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue Relations. The Meeting also welcomed the Working Visit of the Secretary-General of ASEAN to New Zealand in May 2025, which served to further promote ASEAN-New Zealand relations.
- 165. The Meeting reaffirmed its commitment to further strengthening cooperation on political-security issues, including through high-level political engagement in ASEAN-led mechanisms such as the East Asia Summit, ASEAN Regional Forum and ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus.
- 166. The Meeting appreciated New Zealand's contribution of NZD500,000 to the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JCLEC) towards ongoing cooperation on security issues to enable the continued delivery of high-quality capacity building initiatives and collaboration between law enforcement agencies to combat transnational organised crime in the region.
- 167. The Meeting commended New Zealand's support for ASEAN's economic integration, including efforts to advance the entry-into-force of the Second Protocol to Amend the Agreement Establishing the AANZFTA. The Meeting looked forward to the Second Protocol's effective implementation and emphasised the need for full ratification by all Parties, and broad dissemination of its benefits to businesses and individuals. The Meeting welcomed New Zealand's ongoing support to the Regional Trade for Development (RT4D) Facility to support ASEAN Member States to implement and utilise the AANZFTA and RCEP.

- 168. The Meeting appreciated New Zealand's support for the continuation of the annual ASEAN-New Zealand Trade Academy, which was convened for the third time this year through online and in-person components of the course concluded in June.
- 169. The Meeting welcomed the successful conclusion of the ASEAN-New Zealand Air Services Agreement (ANZ-ASA) negotiations and looked forward to its signing this year, recognising its contribution to enhanced air connectivity and sustainable socio-economic development.
- 170. The Meeting welcomed the continuation of people-to-people initiatives, including Young Diplomats Study Tour in April 2025 and the Young Trade and Economic Officials Study Tour in February 2025, supported by New Zealand through experience sharing and technical expertise. The Meeting noted the continuation of the Young Business Leaders Initiative (YBLI), including the YBLI Summit to be held on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary in July 2025 in Viet Nam to foster continued connections and opportunities between ASEAN and New Zealand entrepreneurs. The Meeting also appreciated the ongoing implementation of New Zealand's Manaaki New Zealand Scholarships Programme (MNZSP), the English Language Training for Officials, and other short-term training opportunities that contribute to human development, capacity building, and technical skills enhancement in ASEAN. In this regard, the Meeting welcomed expanding cooperation in various areas including in digital education, digital economy and agri-tech.
- 171. The Meeting welcomed the resumption of New Zealand's Prime Minister's Fellowships for ASEAN, with visits to New Zealand in 2025 by Fellows from Indonesia, Malaysia and Viet Nam.
- 172. The Meeting recognised the importance of joint cooperation to strengthen the region's climate and economic resilience. In this regard, the Meeting noted ongoing cooperation and dialogue with the ASEAN Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue (ACSDSD). The Meeting also welcomed New Zealand's NZD200,000 contribution to the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) to support ASEAN's renewable energy priorities and the ASEAN Power Grid.
- 173. The Meeting welcomed the July 2025 AICHR-New Zealand Interface to share perspectives on human rights and the protection of communities in situations of vulnerability in humanitarian emergencies.
- 174. The Meeting encouraged enhanced ASEAN-New Zealand cooperation in education initiatives and cultural exchanges, economic integration, investment and digital trade, the blue economy and green transition to support a climate-resilient economy and health, including working closely with relevant ASEAN Centres of Excellence.
- 175. The Meeting also welcomed enhancing cooperation in addressing climate change, particularly through research, innovation, and the sharing of best practices. The Meeting further expressed appreciation to New Zealand for its contribution to the ASEAN Centre for Climate Change in Brunei Darussalam.

176. The Meeting appreciated New Zealand's continued partnership to implement the AADMER Work Programme 2021-2025, through the project on Strengthening the Institutional Capacity (SICAP) of the AHA Centre for ASEAN Disaster Capacity Building Programme. The Meeting also invites New Zealand to further collaborate on disaster management through the development of the AADMER Work Programme (2026-2030) and implementation of the Leaders Declaration on Sustainable Resilience to enhance disaster and climate resilience across the region.

The Republic of Korea

- 177. The ASEAN PMC with the ROK was co-chaired by the Kingdom of Thailand and the ROK.
- 178. The Meeting reaffirmed the commitment to advancing the ASEAN-ROK CSP that is meaningful, substantive and mutually beneficial. The Meeting welcomed the ROK's commitment to deepen and expand the ASEAN-ROK CSP based on mutual trust, mutual respect, and mutual benefit.
- 179. The Meeting noted with satisfaction the substantive progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Vision Statement for Peace, Prosperity and Partnership (2021-2025). The Meeting adopted the ASEAN-ROK Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-ROK CSP (2026-2030) and looked forward to the effective implementation of the new POA.
- 180. The Meeting appreciated the ROK's contribution to ASEAN-related cooperation funds to support cooperation projects. The Meeting looked forward to active and effective implementation of cooperation, in particular under the ASEAN-ROK Cooperation Fund (AKCF). The Meeting welcomed in particular the AKCF-supported projects launched in 2025 including the ASEAN-Korea Platform for Great Minds (AKPGM): Academic Collaboration for Future Southeast Asianists, ASEAN-Korea Music Festival (AKMF) (3rd Phase), Disaster Risk Management Capacity Building Program for ASEAN Member States (D-CAB) (2nd Phase), ASEAN Standards and Certification for Experts in Disaster Management (ASCEND) (2nd Phase), ASEAN+ROK Conference on Care and Support for Older Persons, among others.
- 181. The Meeting reaffirmed the commitment to further strengthening cooperation in addressing non-traditional security challenges, including transnational crime, cybersecurity, and maritime security, through ASEAN-led mechanisms. The Meeting encouraged the ROK to continue supporting ASEAN's efforts to enhance regional cybersecurity resilience and combat escalating threats of cybercrime and online scams, including through projects such as the ASEAN Cyber Shield Project, ASCCE and ASEAN Regional Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT). The Meeting also acknowledged the ROK's support to the Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) in developing the ASEAN Guideline on Strengthening Capacities of Regional Practitioners in Crime Scene Investigation (CSI), and appreciated the ROK's active participation and contributions to various ARF meetings and initiatives.

- 182. The Meeting welcomed the enhanced defence cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK through the ADMM-Plus. The Meeting acknowledged the ROK's commitment to complementing the ADMM-Plus' efforts, through the ASEAN-ROK Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Vision Statement for Peace, Prosperity and Partnership (2021-2025). The Meeting appreciated the ROK's support for the ARMAC through its multiyear project, Enhance Victim Assistance Programme in the ASEAN Member States.
- 183. The Meeting emphasised the importance of strengthening trade and investment linkages, as well as broader economic cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK, through the effective implementation of the ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA) and RCEP Agreement. The Meeting encouraged the AKFTA Implementing Committee (IC) to expedite the completion of the Joint Study on Digital Trade and Joint Study on Cooperation on New Trade Agendas as well as Joint Scoping Paper, which would serve as reference documents for the AKFTA upgrade negotiations commencing in 2026.
- 184. The Meeting agreed to further promote the transfer of knowledge and advanced technologies to ASEAN businesses, including start-ups and MSMEs through the ASEAN-ROK Start-ups Partnership and projects such as Increasing Digital Skills and E-commerce for ASEAN Women MSMEs (IDEAS). The Meeting welcomed the activities of the ASEAN-Korea Business Council (AKBC) and ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC) in supporting trade and investment flows, and deepening business-to-business cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK. The Meeting appreciated various cooperation projects by the ASEAN-ROK Financial Cooperation Centre, including the 2025 ASEAN-ROK Financial Cooperation Forum held in Singapore in April 2025.
- 185. The Meeting welcomed the ROK's continued support in its areas of expertise, particularly in advancing the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR). Key areas of cooperation include digital trade, digital transformation, sustainable economy and development, supply chain resilience, human resource development, food security and safety, smart infrastructure, future industries, and science, technology, and innovation (STI). The Meeting looked forward to the effective implementation of the ASEAN-ROK Digital Innovation Flagship Project (KADIF), including HPC Infrastructure and HPC Capacity for Data Utilization, Data Ecosystem Development, Al Development/Startup Competition, Digital Academy, and Al Convergence and Spread, aimed at enhancing ASEAN's digital connectivity and transformation through technology cooperation and capacity-building initiatives, including the establishment of digital academies across all ASEAN Member States.
- 186. The Meeting encouraged ASEAN and the ROK to further explore cooperation in promoting sustainable forest management through existing mechanisms such as the Asian Forest Cooperation Organisation (AFoCO) and in poverty eradication and rural development through, among others, the ASEAN Villages Network (AVN).
- 187. The Meeting looked forward to the conclusion of a more liberal and mutually beneficial ASEAN-ROK Air Services Agreement (AK-ASA). The Meeting noted the successful second-year implementation of the ASEAN Smart City

- Professional Programme (ASPP) and looked forward to a positive third-year outcome.
- 188. The Meeting welcomed the ROK's support for ASEAN's efforts in sub-regional development cooperation, including through the Mekong-ROK and Brunei Darussalam–Indonesia–Malaysia–Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area ROK (BIMP-EAGA-ROK) Cooperation frameworks.
- 189. The Meeting appreciated the ROK's deepening collaboration with the ASEAN Health Sector and its commitment to strengthening health systems to achieve sustainable UHC and health security for resilient health systems, in line with ASEAN Post-2015 Health Development Agenda 2021-2025. The Meeting encouraged ASEAN and ROK to continue cooperation for the operationalisation of the ACPHEED and the ASEAN Biodiaspora Virtual Centre (ABVC).
- 190. The Meeting reaffirmed its commitment to further strengthening people-to-people and cultural exchanges through initiatives such as TVET, scholarships, workshops, and activities implemented by relevant sectoral bodies, such as the AKC in Seoul, ASEAN Cultural House (ACH) in Busan, and ASEAN Cultural Centre in Bangkok. The Meeting noted the progress under the ASEAN-ROK Work Plan on Cooperation in Culture and the Arts (2022–2025), and looked forward to continued collaboration in the protection, preservation, and promotion of shared cultural heritage including through the ASEAN-ROK Working Committee on Cultural Heritage Cooperation. The Meeting also welcomed efforts to celebrate ASEAN-ROK cultural vibrancy through media and film initiatives, including the ASEAN-ROK Music Festival (ROUND) and ASEAN-ROK Film Community Programme (2022–2025).
- 191. The Meeting appreciated the ROK's contribution to enhancing education quality in ASEAN through the Southeast Asia Primary Learning Metrics (SEA-PLM) Programme and expansion of scholarship opportunities under the ASEAN-ROK project on Higher Education for ASEAN Talents: Scholarship Opportunity for ASEAN Faculty Members in the ROK (HEAT), AKPGM: Academic Collaboration for Future Southeast Asianists. The Meeting welcomed the ROK's continued support for young ASEAN talents to build a ladder of development through the Inclusive Education Modules (IEM).
- 192. The Meeting appreciated the ROK's continued partnership for disaster resilience building in the region through the implementation of the ASEAN-ROK Work Plan on Disaster Management 2021-2025 and looked forward to the 4th ASEAN-ROK Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management to be held in October 2025 in Cambodia. The Meeting acknowledged the contribution of the ROK to ASEAN's capacity building through the ongoing flagship projects, namely the Disaster Risk Management Capacity Building Program for ASEAN Member States (D-CAB) and ASEAN Standards and Certification for Experts in Disaster Management (ASCEND).

- 193. The Meeting invited the ROK to expand its collaboration in the field of disaster management through the development of the AAADMER Work Programme (2026-2030) and implementation of the Leaders' Declaration on Sustainable Resilience to enhance climate and disaster resilience across the region.
- 194. The Meeting welcomed the ROK's continued support for enhancing environmental cooperation, including through the ASEAN-ROK High Level Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change and projects such as Clean Air for Sustainable ASEAN (CASA). The Meeting welcomed the launch of the Partnership for ASEAN-ROK Methane Action (PARMA), and looked forward to its effective implementation through pilot projects such as the ASEAN-Korea Cooperation for Methane Mitigation (AKCMM). The Meeting encouraged the ROK to support ASEAN's green transition, including through the establishment of the APG.
- 195. The Meeting encouraged strengthened cooperation in education, labour, employment, occupational safety and health, and human resource development, including through the ASEAN-ROK TVET Mobility Programme and annual ASEAN-ROK Policy Sharing Workshop in the Employment and Labour Sector.
- 196. The Meeting appreciated the commitment of the ROK to advancing sports cooperation in the region through the implementation of exchange programmes for capacity development for sports officials and professionals, such as the ASEAN-Korea Football Interpersonal Exchange and Leadership Development (FIELD) Programme.
- 197. The Meeting welcomed the ROK's continued support in accelerating cooperation on social welfare and development, particularly in promoting the inclusion of people in vulnerable situations, especially women and children, persons with disabilities and older persons, in all aspects of development. The Meeting welcomed the ASEAN+ROK Conference on Care and Support for Older Persons held in Malaysia in 2025

Russian Federation

- 198. The ASEAN PMC with the Russian Federation was co-chaired by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Russian Federation.
- 199. The Meeting noted with satisfaction the progress in the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan of Action (CPA) for the ASEAN-Russia Strategic Partnership (2021-2025), as it enters its final year. It called for enhanced collaboration to maximise the impact of current initiatives and identify new areas of cooperation or projects to address remaining gaps. The Meeting noted the progress in the negotiation of the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-Russia Strategic Partnership (2026-2030) and looked forward to its adoption this year.
- 200. ASEAN appreciated the Russian Federation's support for ASEAN Centrality and ASEAN's leading role in the evolving regional architecture, and recognised

- the Russian Federation's active engagement and participation at various ASEAN-Russia dialogues and existing ASEAN-led mechanisms.
- 201. The Meeting welcomed the convening of the Fifth ASEAN-Russia Consultations of the High Representatives for Security Issues on 27-29 May 2025, in Moscow, Russia, ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime Plus Russia Consultations on 28 June 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and 12th Meeting of ASEAN-Russia Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism on 28 May 2025 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Meeting looked forward to the convening of the Fifth ASEAN-Russia Dialogue on ICTs Security-related Issues in October this year. The Meeting looked forward to the adoption of the SOMTC+Russia Work Plan on Cooperation to Combat Transnational Crime 2025-2028. The Meeting commended the Russian Federation for the training courses for the ASEAN law enforcement agencies.
- 202. The Meeting welcomed the 1st ASEAN Digital Senior Officials' Meeting (ADGSOM) plus Russia Consultations on 15 January 2025, in Bangkok, Thailand, and the adoption of the ASEAN-Russia 2025 Digital Work Plan to guide and advance ASEAN-Russia digital sector collaboration in areas such as broadband infrastructure, e-governance, and emerging technologies and digital skills. The Meeting also welcomed Russia's continued interest to advance smart cities cooperation with ASEAN.
- 203. The Meeting commended the successful implementation of the project titled "Expanding Business Contacts between Russia and ASEAN Countries' Tourism Enterprises through Russian Language Training and Experience Exchange", recognising its valuable contribution to enhancing the competencies of tourism professionals and promoting regional cooperation. The Meeting expressed support for similar initiatives that build capacity, strengthen skills, and foster cultural understanding in the tourism sector, as these efforts contribute to deeper people-to-people connectivity and support inclusive, high-quality tourism development across the region.
- 204. The Meeting acknowledged the growing ASEAN-Russia partnership in energy cooperation, particularly civilian nuclear energy, and welcomed the 16th Consultations of ASEAN-Russia Senior Officials on Energy on 17 June 2025 in Kuching, Malaysia, as well as the successful convening of the ASEAN-Russia: Prospects of Cooperation in Civilian Nuclear Energy and Technologies exhibition, held at the ASEAN Headquarters/ ASEAN Secretariat on 19 25 February 2025. Additionally, the Meeting encouraged deeper cooperation with the Russian Federation on alternative energy sources and energy interconnectivity, through initiatives such as capacity-building programmes and joint research collaboration. This will contribute to the region's energy transition and support the development of the APG.
- 205. The Meeting noted the successful implementation of the ASEAN-Russia Plan of Action on Science, Technology and Innovation (ARPASTI) 2016-2025, and looked forward to deepening the cooperation on STI between both sides as was discussed at the 11th Meeting of the ASEAN-Russia Working Group on Science, Technology and Innovations held virtually on 18 November 2024.

- 206. The Meeting welcomed progress in the implementation of the ASEAN-Russia Trade and Investment Work Programme 2021-2025 (Work Programme) and Programme of Cooperation (PoC) to implement the Memorandum of Understanding between ASEAN and the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) on Economic Cooperation. It looked forward to the development of successor documents for the Roadmap, Work Programme, and PoC with the EEC, to further enhance ASEAN's economic relations with the Russian Federation, and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU). The Meeting also noted the EEC's intention to host ASEAN-EAEU Days at the EEC Headquarters in 2025, building upon the successful convening of the ASEAN-EAEU Days in 2023 at the ASEAN Headquarters/ ASEAN Secretariat.
- 207. The Meeting welcomed broadening business-to-business community, including organisation of the ABIS Session "ASEAN Potential and Economic Integration with the Eurasia Region" on 10 October 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR, International Business Forum "The World of Opportunities: Russia-ASEAN" on 26-27 November in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and ASEAN-EAEU business dialogue held within the framework of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum on 19 June 2025.
- 208. The Meeting noted the significant achievements in implementing the ASEAN-Russia Agriculture and Food Security Cooperation Work Programme (2021-2025), and acknowledged the ongoing and upcoming projects that continue to foster collaboration and innovation in ASEAN's agriculture and food sectors.
- 209. The Meeting encouraged both sides to initiate joint activities and programmes under the MoU between ASEAN and the Russian Federation on Cooperation in the Field of Disaster Management.
- 210. The Meeting welcomed ongoing people-to-people exchanges and educational initiatives between ASEAN and the Russian Federation, including those organised by the Network of ASEAN-Russia Think Tanks and the ASEAN Centre at MGIMO University. The Meeting noted the continued enrolment of students, including those from several ASEAN Member States, in the Master's programme on "Political Economy of the ASEAN-Russia Strategic Partnership" at MGIMO University, which was launched in 2023. The Meeting also welcomed further initiatives to promote engagement and dialogue between youths to deepen mutual understanding.
- 211. ASEAN expressed appreciation for the Russian Federation's efforts to contribute to Timor Leste's integration in ASEAN by providing a scholarship for the Master's programme on "Political Economy of the ASEAN-Russia Strategic Partnership" at MGIMO University.
- 212. The Meeting looked forward to the establishment of ASEAN-Russia SOM on Youth and ASEAN-Russia Young Diplomats' Summits.

United Kingdom

- 213. The ASEAN PMC with the UK was co-chaired by Viet Nam and the UK.
- 214. The Meeting noted with satisfaction the progress in the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-UK Dialogue Partnership (2022-2026).
- 215. The Meeting commended the UK's consistent efforts in promoting the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda in the region, including through the ASEAN–UK WPS Programme. The Meeting welcomed the UK's support for ASEAN's efforts to combat transnational crime, particularly through its cooperation with the Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC), with focus on counter-terrorism, anti-money laundering, and combatting cybercrime and online scams.
- 216. The Meeting acknowledged the UK's continued support for ASEAN's cybersecurity capacity-building efforts, particularly through its contribution to ASCCE in Singapore and ASEAN-Japan Cybersecurity Capacity Building Centre (AJCCBC) in Thailand.
- 217. The Meeting appreciated the UK's technical assistance through the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) to the ASEAN One Health Network Initiatives, capacity-building for the ASEAN Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) Network for public health emergencies, and operationalisation of the ACPHEED through the UKHSA International Health Regulations Strengthening Project. The Meeting welcomed the launch and implementation of the ASEAN-UK Health Security Partnership Programme (HSP).
- 218. The Meeting appreciated the UK's continued engagement in ASEAN climate actions, including through the ASEAN-UK Green Transition Fund. The Meeting welcomed deeper collaboration in joint research and emerging technologies, such as carbon capture and storage, with the ASEAN Centre for Climate Change expected to play a crucial role once operational. The Meeting encouraged the UK to continue its support in sharing expertise, fostering knowledge exchange, and strengthening capacity-building efforts, including through placements in leading UK climate institutions.
- 219. The Meeting welcomed the launch of the Chevening ASEAN Scholarships in August 2024 and the second batch of the ASEAN-UK Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Scholarships in February 2025, as part of the ASEAN-UK Supporting the Advancement of Girls' Education (SAGE) Programme. The Meeting encouraged UK cooperation with the ASEAN TVET Council to support skills development and standards in the region.
- 220. The Meeting invites UK to explore possible collaboration in the field of disaster management through the development of the AADMER Work Programme (2026-2030) and implementation of the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Sustainable Resilience.

- 221. The Meeting noted with appreciation the UK's support for ASEAN economic integration initiatives and welcomed progress under the ASEAN-UK Economic Integration Programme (EIP), including the endorsement of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) Terms of Reference at the 5th SEOM-UK Consultation, and its acknowledgment by the Fourth AEM-UK Consultation.
- 222. The Meeting encouraged both sides to collaborate on the common goals stipulated in the ASEAN-UK Joint Ministerial Statement: Enhancing Connectivity for a Prosperous and Sustainable Future adopted at the PMC with the UK in 2024. The Meeting welcomed the successful conclusion of the ASEAN-UK Sustainable Leadership in Infrastructure Programme (ASLIP) in 2025 and looked forward to its continuation in 2026.
- 221. The Meeting welcomed the convening of the Second ASEAN-UK Working Group on Regional Air Services Agreement (AUKWG-RASA) in February 2025 in London and encouraged the working group to pursue a mutually beneficial ASEAN-UK Air Services Agreement (AUK-ASA) to enhance air connectivity between and beyond ASEAN and the UK. The Meeting welcomed initiatives such as the ASEAN-UK Digital Innovation Partnership and UK's Asia-Pacific Digital Trade Network in support of ongoing regional efforts in digital trade, cybersecurity, and skills development.
- 222. The Meeting welcomed the growing ASEAN-UK cooperation on science, technology and innovation, including UK's support for the Research and Innovation for Development in ASEAN programme, ongoing ASEAN I-Teams: developing a culture of technology commercialisation in ASEAN, new AI for Sustainable Development in ASEAN programme and Chapter II of the ASEAN-UK Regional Training and Workshop on Engineering Biology.
- 223. The Meeting supported the enhancement of people-to-people exchanges in the creative economy and digital economy sectors. The Meeting appreciated the UK's support through the ASEAN-UK Advancing Creative Economy (ACE) Programme, which bolsters ASEAN's creative and cultural industries. The Meeting welcomed the adoption of the ASEAN Creative Economy Sustainability Framework, during the 46th ASEAN Summit.
- 224. The Meeting appreciated the ongoing ASEAN-UK collaboration on the Women Economic Empowerment project and looked forward to continued cooperation in strengthening gender-inclusive policies to achieve women's economic empowerment in ASEAN.
- 225. The Meeting encouraged the UK to continue exploring cooperation with ASEAN in promoting the rights and welfare of people in vulnerable situations, especially women and children, persons with disabilities, and older persons through knowledge exchange and sharing of good practices.
- 226. The Meeting took note of a proposal on an ASEAN-UK Dialogue on sustainability, which can serve as a platform for ASEAN and the UK to leverage their growing partnership on sustainability and deepen discussions on issues of mutual interest through policy dialogue.

227. The Meeting noted that 2026 will mark the fifth anniversary of the ASEAN-UK Dialogue Relations and looked forward to commemorating this milestone with meaningful activities. Recognising that the ASEAN-UK Plan of Action (POA) 2022–2026 will enter its final year in 2026, both sides reaffirmed the importance of initiating work on a successor POA for adoption in the following year.

United States

- 228. The ASEAN PMC with the US was co-chaired by the Kingdom of Cambodia and the US.
- 229. The Meeting noted the significant progress in ASEAN-US cooperation, including, the full implementation of the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-United States Strategic Partnership (2021-2025) and its Annex ahead of their expiration date by the end of 2025.
- 230. The Meeting reaffirmed ASEAN and the US' commitment to continue strengthening the ASEAN-US CSP, which contributes to the maintaining of peace, security, stability, and enhancing prosperity in the region. In this regard, the Meeting looked forward to developing a Joint Vision Statement that will guide both sides in realising the full potential of the CSP in the years to come, aligned with the principles and objectives of *ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future*. The Meeting looked forward to its endorsement of the ASEAN-United States Leaders' Joint Vision Statement to Promote a Stronger, Safer and More Prosperous ASEAN and America, prior to the adoption by the Leaders at the forthcoming 13th ASEAN-US Summit.
- 231. Acknowledging the US as ASEAN's largest source of foreign direct investment, the Meeting welcomed the continued strengthening of ASEAN-US economic relations, particularly as both sides address shared challenges related to global food security, energy security, health security, and supply chain resilience. The Meeting reaffirmed the commitment to deepening ASEAN-US economic ties through the effective implementation and monitoring of the ASEAN-US Trade and Investment Framework Arrangement (TIFA) Work Plan and Expanded Economic Engagement (E3), US-ASEAN Connect initiative, and sustained dialogue and engagement between the ASEAN Economic Ministers, United States Trade Representative, and the US-ASEAN Business Council (USABC).
- 232. The Meeting noted the implementation of the 2024-2025 ASEAN-US TIFA and E3 Work Plan, which has furthered cooperation on digital economy, MSMEs development, trade facilitation, intellectual property rights, sustainability, good regulatory practices, labour and agriculture, while adding new focus areas such as competition and consumer protection. The Meeting welcomed the completion of the Study on the Next-Generation ASEAN Single Window (ASW 2.0), supported by the ASEAN-US Partnership Programme (AUPP). The Meeting further noted the US' commitment to extending support to ASEAN in implementing the recommendations, initially focusing on developing the technical specifications of the ASW 2.0 to enhance the interoperability and future-proofing the ASW systems. The Meeting also looked forward to the development of the ASEAN-US TIFA Work Plan for 2025-2026.

- 233. The Meeting further encouraged the US' support for DEFA, which ASEAN is actively working to finalise. The DEFA is projected to expand ASEAN's digital economy to USD2 trillion by 2030.
- 234. The Meeting noted the implementation of the ASEAN-US 2024 Digital Priority Cooperation Areas and welcomed the US' continued technical assistance to the Negotiating Committee as ASEAN seeks to substantially conclude the DEFA. The Meeting also appreciated US capacity building on cybersecurity for the personnel of the ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN entities. The Meeting also welcomed the adoption of the ASEAN-US 2025 Digital Work Plan Priorities and endorsement of the ASEAN-US Responsible AI Roadmap by the Fourth ADGMIN + US on 17 January 2025, in Bangkok, Thailand, which prioritises cooperation in artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, undersea cable capacity building, cloud computing transformation principles, combatting online scams, and DEFA negotiations support. The Meeting underscored the importance of translating the US commitment on AI into concrete and tangible actions to harness the significant potential of AI.
- 235. The Meeting commended the US for its continuous collaboration with ASEAN in science, technology and innovation (STI), including through the US-ASEAN Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation (STIC) programme.
- 236. The Meeting appreciated the development of a Discussion Paper on the Responsible Development and Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in ASEAN, the Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST) ASEAN startup training and pitch competition, and the Embassy Science Fellows (ESF) Program's work of leveraging space technology data to address environmental concerns, and promoting women's participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Additionally, the Meeting welcomed US public-private partnerships such as the US government and USABC's support for the Gene Editing Workshop and USABC-facilitated innovation site visit.
- 237. The Meeting looked forward to the US' support for boosting regional energy trade and advancing energy security under the ASEAN-US Energy Cooperation Work Plan (2021 2025). The Meeting welcomed the establishment of the Working Group between Viet Nam-Singapore-US and the Singapore-US Feasibility Study on Regional Energy Connectivity, to facilitate the transit of overland and subsea power cable interconnections in support of the APG. The Meeting further appreciated the US support for the Feasibility Studies for the APG.
- 238. The Meeting appreciated the US' support for implementing initiatives under the ASEAN-US Transport Cooperation Work Plan 2022-2025, particularly the capacity-building support in advancing cross-border transport facilitation and sustainable ports through policy, planning, partnerships, and innovation. The Meeting welcomed the US plans to launch new transport cooperation initiatives under the forthcoming Work Plan 2026-2029, including on transport planning, policy and technology.

- 239. The Meeting expressed appreciation to the US for supporting the development of the ASEAN Minerals Development Vision (AMDV) and ASEAN Minerals Cooperation Action Plan (AMCAP-IV) 2026-2030 through the ASEAN-US Partnership Programme.
- 240. The Meeting looked forward to the convening of the 4th ASEAN-US High Level Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change in 2025 and called for the continued collaboration to strengthen ASEAN-US cooperation on environment and welcomed continued progress on the implementation of the ASEAN-US Environment and Climate Work Plan.
- 241. The Meeting commended the US for its invaluable and continuous support in mainstreaming gender equality and social inclusion across ASEAN. The Meeting appreciated the US' support of the ASEAN Gender Mainstreaming Strategic Framework (AGMSF).
- 242. The Meeting appreciated the support of the US in working together with the labour sector in improving labour protection and decent work conditions in the fishing sector.
- 243. The Meeting welcomed continued ASEAN-US collaboration in advancing the rights of persons with disabilities, and in exploring further potential cooperation in technical assistance and exchange to enable full and effective participation and economic empowerment of persons with disabilities under the framework of the ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025: Mainstreaming the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- 244. The Meeting noted the Joint Statement of the ASEAN-US Special Session Health Ministerial Meeting adopted on 9 August 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR, which reaffirmed the collective commitment to strengthened cooperation on regional health threats and public health systems. The Meeting looked forward to the expansion of the ASEAN-US Health Cooperation Work Plan to align with the next ASEAN Health Sector five-year Work Programme (2026-2030), and the formalisation of the ASEAN-US Health Ministers' Meeting mechanism. The Meeting also looked forward to the US' collaboration with the ACPHEED and activities affecting human, animal, and environmental health; as well as acknowledged the US' support for ASEAN's health sector priorities.
- 245. The Meeting commended the US' continued commitment and support in building a more open and inclusive ASEAN Community through various exchange programmes, including the Fulbright US-ASEAN Visiting Scholar Programme, Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) programmes, US-ASEAN Institute for Rising Leaders Fellowship, and a special International Visitors Leadership Programme to provide capacity building for the ASEAN Secretariat staff. The Meeting also appreciated the inclusion of Timor-Leste in the Fulbright US-ASEAN Visiting Scholar Programme.
- 246. The Meeting appreciated the support of the US in bridging the digital divide and ICT gaps within ASEAN, and promoting the development of a secure, resilient and innovative digital ecosystem and networks. The Meeting welcomed

- enhanced collaboration on digital infrastructures and e-commerce, particularly for our MSMEs.
- 247. The Meeting welcomed the US' continuous support for smart city initiatives through activities under the US-ASEAN Smart Cities Partnership (USASCP).
- 248. The Meeting commended the US' continued commitment to enhance development cooperation in the ASEAN region, particularly through the ASEAN-US Partnership Programme, Mekong-US Partnership (MUSP), and Regional Development Cooperation Agreement (RDCA), which has been extended to 2029.
- 249. The Meeting noted further operationalisation of the ASEAN-US Centre in Washington D.C., which, through continued US partnership with Arizona State University, is hoped to further harness and promote people-to-people linkages, promote awareness of ASEAN, and serve as a platform to enhance partnership among stakeholders from both sides.
- 250. ASEAN further encouraged US to support other ASEAN Centres, such as the ACB, ASCCE, ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC), ASEAN-IPR, and the ADMM Cybersecurity and Information Centre of Excellence (ACICE).

Trilateral Meetings

251. There were also separate Trilateral Meetings of Malaysia, the ASEAN Secretariat and Brazil, Norway, Switzerland and Türkiye, convened on 8, 10 and 11 July 2025 to discuss the future direction and explore ways to forge closer and sustained collaboration with concrete and tangible outcomes between ASEAN and the respective Sectoral Dialogue Partners.
