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ASEAN PLUS THREE LEADERS' STATEMENT ON STRENGTHENING ENERGY AND FOOD SECURITY RESILIENCE AMID EXTERNAL SHOCKS AND SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTIONS

WE, the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the People's Republic of China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea, gathering at the 29th ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit on 17 November 2026, in Manila, the Philippines;

RECOGNISING the importance of energy and food security as essential foundations for regional stability, sustainable economic growth, livelihoods and the well-being of our peoples, particularly amidst increasing global uncertainties and interconnected challenges;

RECOGNISING the deeply interconnected economies, energy systems, food systems and supply chains of APT countries, and the importance of strengthening collective preparedness and resilience to ensure reliable, affordable and sustainable access to energy, food and other essential resources;

NOTING that geopolitical tensions, climate-related challenges, supply chain disruptions and other external shocks have underscored the importance of strengthening regional cooperation to safeguard energy and food security and reduce vulnerabilities;

RECALLING the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Strengthening Food Security and Nutrition in Response to Crises, adopted on 5 September 2023 in Jakarta, Indonesia, which underscores the importance of rapid and coordinated regional actions to safeguard food security and nutrition in times of crisis, as well as strengthened preparedness for the long-term resilience and sustainability of agri-food systems in the region;

RECALLING the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on the Vision for Food, Agriculture, and Forestry Towards 2045, adopted on 26 October 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which highlights the importance of sustainable, resilient and inclusive food, agriculture and forestry systems towards ensuring food security, sustainable livelihoods, and inclusive growth across the region;

NOTING the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Strategy on Food, Agriculture and Forestry (APTCS-FAF) 2026–2035, which provide frameworks for cooperation in food security, sustainable agriculture, energy, clean energy and regional resilience;

REAFFIRMING our commitment to strengthening cooperation in addressing shared challenges and promoting sustainable development and regional resilience, taking into account the different levels of development and respective circumstances, policies and priorities of the APT countries;

REAFFIRMING the importance of maintaining unimpeded flow of essential goods, including food, fertilisers, and agricultural inputs, and **UNDERSCORING** the need not to impose trade restrictions inconsistent with WTO rules that could further exacerbate global food insecurity and market volatility; and

ACKNOWLEDGING the important role of innovation, technology, investment, information-sharing and public-private cooperation in strengthening resilient and sustainable energy and food systems and supply chains.

DO HEREBY DECLARE TO:

1. **STRENGTHEN** APT cooperation to enhance energy and food security resilience through greater coordination, information-sharing, capacity-building and practical cooperation, with a view to improving regional preparedness for and responses to external shocks and supply chain disruptions.

2. **ENHANCE** the operability and utilisation of existing mechanisms supporting regional food security, including the APT Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR), particularly its capacity to respond during crises by enhancing the adequacy, readiness and timely release of earmarked and stockpiled emergency rice reserves, improving coordination arrangements, and encouraging voluntary contributions, and **SUPPORT** food security information-sharing and early warning mechanisms, including through the ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS).

3. **STRENGTHEN** the resilience of food and agricultural input supply chains, including fertilisers, animal feed and other critical agricultural inputs, and **PROMOTE** measures that contribute to the continued availability, accessibility and affordability of essential food supplies, including through strengthened information-sharing, coordination and forecasting.

4. **PROMOTE** sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture, aquaculture and fisheries through technical assistance, capacity-building, technology cooperation, demonstration projects and the sharing and scaling-up of climate-smart and low-emission agricultural practices and technologies that enable productivity growth, including practical cooperation on low-emission, resilient highly productive rice production and other climate-smart agricultural models.

5. **PROMOTE** sustainable water resource management, including integrated water resources and groundwater management, to support food security and

access to clean water, and **PROMOTE** sustainable fisheries, aquaculture and other sustainable marine and aquatic food systems as part of regional food security and resilience.

6. **STRENGTHEN** cooperation to enhance energy security and resilience, including by improving preparedness and coordination as well as expanding cooperation in areas such as sharing and exchanges of information and technology, and capacity building, to support ASEAN's overall resilience in responding to energy supply disruptions, supporting sustainable and reliable energy development, and **HIGHLIGHT** the importance of maintaining accessible, stable and reliable regional energy supply chain, as well as pursing uninterrupted energy flows as well as **ENCOURAGE** strengthening regional cooperation in advancing voluntary fuel reserve systems, energy efficiency, conservation measures, standards coordination and energy transitions, to keep up the momentum of the economic growth and development.

7. **REAFFIRM** the importance of open, transparent, fair, predictable, and rules-based energy cooperation, including energy flows, and trade in critical minerals, ensuring that all trade measures are transparent, predictable and remain consistent with WTO rules, respective national policies and regulations, and **SUPPORT** cooperation to strengthen and diversify energy and critical mineral supply chains, including through cooperation on energy resilience, expand cooperation in upstream-to-downstream minerals development, and closer coordination among resource-endowed and countries with relevant technological capabilities, energy-producing and energy-consuming countries, and relevant initiatives by multilateral development banks (MDBs).

8. **WELCOME** relevant regional efforts to strengthen energy security and supply chain resilience, **NOTE** the outcomes of the 23rd AMEM+3, and **ENCOURAGE** continued cooperation and information-sharing on relevant initiatives and best practices.

9. **SUPPORT** the development of regional energy connectivity and integration, including initiatives under the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation 2026-2030 (APAEC)**,** such as the ASEAN Power Grid, cross-border electricity trade and renewable energy integration, and **ENCOURAGE** cooperation on the technical, regulatory, institutional and market arrangements necessary to facilitate such connectivity.

10. **PROMOTE** investment in resilient energy infrastructure and **ENHANCE** knowledge-sharing and cooperation on energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy storage, smart grids and other emerging low-emission technologies, taking into account the respective circumstances and development levels of APT countries.

11. **STRENGTHEN** the resilience of critical energy and food infrastructure through risk assessments, business continuity arrangements and contingency planning, including enhancing capabilities for stockpiling, in a voluntary and commercially viable basis, storage, and pre-positioning of essential resources, as appropriate, and **ENCOURAGE** capacity-building activities, joint preparedness exercises and public-private cooperation to protect essential services and supply chains.

12. **SUPPORT** innovation and technology cooperation in smart, climate-resilient and low-emission agricultural technologies, low carbon, and clean energy, renewable energy integration, energy storage, smart grids and other emerging low-carbon technologies, including through data-sharing, forecasting, information exchange and knowledge-sharing, as well as by fostering inclusive public-private partnerships that bring in the essential investments from relevant stakeholders that will promote sustainable agriculture, food production, and digital innovation in the energy, food, agriculture sectors in the region.

13. **ENCOURAGE** technology cooperation and knowledge-sharing on voluntary and mutually-acceptable details, including on agricultural technologies and innovation, sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, marine spatial management, and climate change mitigation and adaptation.

14. **STRENGTHEN** regional coordination, crisis communication and readiness in responding to future external shocks, including through scenario-based contingency planning, joint preparedness exercises, exploring coordination mechanisms for the mobilisation and deployment of essential resources during emergencies, enhanced information exchange, data-sharing and forecasting, in accordance with domestic laws, regulations and national policies of respective countries.

15. **PROMOTE** the diversification of energy and food supply sources, distribution routes and strategic reserves, where appropriate, for timely response to domestic emergencies and severe supply chain disruptions, and **SUPPORT**, where appropriate, efforts that contribute to the continued availability and affordable movement of essential food and energy supplies during periods of disruption.

16. **ENHANCE** the resilience and adaptability of regional food systems, including fisheries, aquaculture and coastal livelihoods, in response to climate change and external shocks, and **STRENGTHEN** cooperation with relevant regional and international organisations, as appropriate, to support regional preparedness and resilience.

17. **TASK** relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, particularly those with relevant ASEAN Plus Three mechanisms, to follow up on the concrete implementation of this

Leaders Statement through identifying and pursuing practical cooperation, capacity-building and other initiatives aligned with the priorities under the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Work Plan (2023–2027), the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Strategy on Food, Agriculture and Forestry (APTCS-FAF) 2026–2035, ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting Plus Three (AMEM+3) Work Plan for 2026-2027, and relevant ASEAN cooperation frameworks with the Plus Three Countries, to strengthen energy and food security resilience amid external shocks and supply chain disruptions.

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