



**JOINT STATEMENT
OF THE FIRST ASEAN-REPUBLIC OF KOREA MINISTERIAL
MEETING ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT
(1ST AMMDM PLUS ROK)**

20 October 2022, Bangkok, Thailand

1. The First ASEAN-Republic of Korea Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (1st AMMDM Plus ROK) was held on 20 October 2022, under the co-chairmanship of H.E. Anupong Paojinda, Minister of Interior of the Kingdom of Thailand, and H.E. Sung-Ho KIM, Vice Minister for Disaster and Safety Management of the Ministry of the Interior and Safety of the Republic of Korea.

2. We affirm the steadfast relationship between ASEAN and of the Republic of Korea, under the auspices of the ASEAN-ROK Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management, and the common objective to pursue people-centered development and protection of people's lives as top priorities towards achieving a substantial reduction of disaster losses in lives and enhance disaster resilience of our region through collaboration and cooperation in disaster management.

3. We upheld the purpose of the AMMDM Plus ROK to provide guidance and strategic directions towards policy dialogue, coordination mechanisms and collaborative programmes to develop mutually beneficial cooperation and partnerships between ASEAN and ROK in the field of disaster management. In this connection, we agreed and adopted the Terms of References for the AMMDM Plus ROK and the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management Plus ROK (ACDM Plus ROK). We tasked the ACDM Plus ROK to implement the directives of the AMMDM Plus ROK.

4. We remain committed to intensifying coordination between ASEAN and the Republic of Korea on disaster management through maximizing our contributions in realisation of the *ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER)*, the *ASEAN Declaration on One ASEAN, One Response: ASEAN Responding to Disasters as One in the Region and Outside the Region*, and other commitments such as the *ASEAN Vision 2025 on Disaster Management* as well as the

ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025. We appreciate ROK's efforts to promote international and regional networks and mechanisms in disaster management.

5. We agreed to adopt the ASEAN-ROK Work Plan on Disaster Management 2021-2025 under the strategic directions set by the AADMER Work Programme 2021 – 2025, which outlines ASEAN-ROK priorities for cooperation and resource mobilisation for collaborative initiatives in disaster management over the period of 2021-2025.

6. We reiterated the commitment to “*One ASEAN, One Response: ASEAN Responding to Disasters as One in the Region and Outside the Region*” to achieve faster response, mobilise greater resources and establish stronger coordination to support ASEAN's collective response to disasters. In this connection, we reaffirmed our support to the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) as the operational engine for the AADMER and the primary regional coordinating agency on disaster management and emergency response. We tasked the ACDM Plus ROK to continue to explore possible collaboration to support the enhancement of the AHA Centre's capacities and operations in the region.

7. We appreciated ROK's support for the two ongoing projects, namely (i) Disaster Risk Management Capacity Building Program for AMS (D-CAB) Project and (ii) ASEAN Standards and Certification for Experts in Disaster Management (ASCEND) Project. We are confident that these projects will contribute to strengthening ASEAN's capacity for disaster risk management to address new and emerging challenges in building resilience to disasters.

8. We noted with appreciation the discussion and development of possible collaborative opportunities between ASEAN and the Republic of Korea during the ACDM plus ROK Meetings and look forward to further engagements to develop mutually beneficial joint initiatives.

9. We agreed that the AMMDM Plus ROK would be held on an annual basis, following the chairmanship of the AMMDM in alphabetical order.

10. Finally, we expressed appreciation to Thailand and the Republic of Korea for their leadership in the conduct of the inaugural AMMDM Plus ROK, and look forward to Viet Nam's Chairmanship of the AMMDM and co-Chairmanship of the AMMDM Plus ROK in 2023.