



Cambodia 2012

ASEAN: *One Community, One Destiny.*

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE 10TH ASEAN-INDIA SUMMIT

PHNOM PENH, 19 NOVEMBER 2012

1. *The 10th ASEAN-India Summit, chaired by Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 19 November 2012. The Summit was attended by all Heads of State/Government of the ASEAN Member States and H.E. Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India.*
2. *We expressed our deepest sympathy and condolences to the people and the Royal Government of Cambodia and especially to His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah BOROMNEATH NORODOM SIHAMONI, King of Cambodia, and Her Majesty Queen Mother NORODOM MONINEATH SIHANOUK, for the passing away of His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah NORODOM SIHANOUK, the late King-Father of Cambodia, on 15 October 2012. We share our sadness of this great loss with the people of Cambodia during this period of mourning. Cambodia expressed gratitude to the respective ASEAN Leaders and the Prime Minister of India for their condolences to His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah NORODOM SIHAMONI, King of Cambodia, Her Majesty Queen Mother, the Royal Government of Cambodia and the people of Cambodia.*
3. *We noted with satisfaction the significant achievements made in the ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations over the past twenty years. We were also pleased to note that 2012 marks a milestone year for ASEAN and India with the twin celebrations of the 20th Anniversary of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations and the 10th Anniversary of the ASEAN-India Summit, where it first began in Phnom Penh, in 2002.*
4. *We looked forward to the successful convening of the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit in New Delhi, India, on 20-21 December 2012, to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations.*
5. *We welcomed the convening of various commemorative activities to mark this special Anniversary, including the meeting between Heads of Space Agencies, ministerial level meetings in tourism, environment, agriculture, new and renewable energy, and the sending of the Sail Training Ship "Sudarshini" on an expedition to ASEAN countries. We also looked forward to other important*

commemorative activities, such as the 2nd ASEAN-India Business Fair and Business Conclave, and the ASEAN-India Car Rally, which are scheduled to be held in the run up to the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit.

6. *We appreciated the good progress made in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity (2010-2015). We tasked our ministers to timely and fully implement the Plan of Action to contribute to the further deepening of the Dialogue Relations and to supporting the ASEAN Community building efforts.*
7. *We commended the excellent work of the ASEAN-India Eminent Persons Group (EPG) in producing a good and concise Report, which contains many practical recommendations for further advancing our partnership to the next important level. In this regard, we tasked our ministers to consider it thoroughly and to implement those key recommendations, where appropriate.*
8. *We recognized the importance of security, peace, and stability in the region. In this connection, we stressed the need to strengthen maritime cooperation through the existing mechanism in order to maintain and promote peace and stability in the region, amidst the growing security challenges, such as sea piracy, vessel accidents, oil spills, terrorism and natural disasters.*
9. *We were heartened to note that the total trade between ASEAN and India grew significantly by 43% in 2011 amounting to US\$74.9 billion, surpassing our bilateral trade target of US\$70 billion for 2012. We set the target of US\$100 billion by 2015 for ASEAN-India trade. In this connection, we tasked our economic ministers to step up their efforts and flexibility to conclude the ASEAN-India Trade in Services and Investment Agreements before the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit in December in India.*
10. *The Prime Minister of India welcomed the adoption of the Declaration on Drug-Free ASEAN 2015 by the ASEAN Leaders at the 20th ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh, in April 2012. The ASEAN Leaders looked forward to enhancing cooperation with India to address the trafficking of illegal drug and narcotics.*
11. *We welcomed the adoption of the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration at the 21st ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh, on 18 November 2012, and emphasized our continuing support to realize an ASEAN Community based upon adherence to rules of law, democracy, promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.*
12. *The ASEAN Leaders appreciated India's commitment to support ASEAN Community building efforts, through the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI), particularly India's role in establishing and supporting the Entrepreneurship Development Centres (EDCs) and Centres for English Language Training (CELTs) in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Viet Nam. The ASEAN Leaders welcomed the reaffirmation of India's support for ASEAN's central role in the evolving regional architecture. They encouraged India to continue to lend its support to the IAI Work Plan II and the Phnom Penh Agenda for*

ASEAN Community Building, which was adopted by ASEAN Leaders at the 20th ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh, in April 2012.

13. *The ASEAN Leaders also welcomed India's commitment to support the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) and connectivity in the wider East Asia region and underscored the importance of promoting stronger linkages between ASEAN and South Asia. In this connection, we called for an early construction of the new India-Myanmar-Laos-Viet Nam-Cambodia Highway and for the extension of the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway to Laos and Cambodia.*
14. *We encouraged the strengthening of ASEAN-India connectivity in information and communication technology (ICT), in particular digital connectivity, through sharing of best practices in policy, regulations and technological development and capacity building programmes.*
15. *The ASEAN Leaders welcomed the establishment of the India's Inter-Ministerial Group on Connectivity and encouraged the regular exchanges between the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) and India's Inter-Ministerial Group on Connectivity to explore concrete ways and means to support the MPAC, in particular in areas where India has strong expertise and interest.*
16. *We welcomed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ASEAN and India on Strengthening Tourism Cooperation in January 2012, which is an important step to advance our cooperation in tourism and to promote the increase of tourist arrivals from India to ASEAN and vice versa.*
17. *We agreed to enhance our cooperation in human resource development, small and medium enterprises, food and energy security, through activities such as capacity building, exchange programs, sharing of best practices, and technical cooperation.*
18. *We encouraged our Ministers for Agriculture & Forestry to ensure timely implementation of the Medium Term Plan of Action for ASEAN-India Cooperation on Agriculture and Forestry (2011–2015). We noted with appreciation the successful conduct of agriculture and food security initiatives, particularly ASEAN-India Agri Expo, launching of ASEAN-India Newsletter on Agriculture and Forestry, and series of training and capacity building programmes. We took note of the enhancement and strengthening of cooperation on food security through the widening of food production base and exchange of expertise between ASEAN and India to enhance resilience in food security planning to address price volatility of food commodities.*
19. *We are committed to enhance our cooperation in responding to climate change and addressing its impacts. In this regard, the ASEAN Leaders appreciated India's contribution of US\$5 million to the ASEAN-India Green Fund to support adaptation and mitigation's cooperation projects and noted the successful conduct of capacity building initiatives in the sector and the first meeting of the ASEAN-India Ministers for Environment in September 2012.*

20. *We recognized that disaster management remains an issue of high priority for both ASEAN and India as our two regions are prone to the frequent natural disasters such as flooding. To this end, we underlined the need to strengthen our cooperation in disaster management and emergency response to create disaster-resilient and safer communities in the region. In this connection, the ASEAN Leaders encouraged India to support the implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) and the operationalization of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre). We also noted the successful conduct of First EAS-India Workshop on Building Regional Framework for Earthquake Risk Management.*
21. *We welcomed the successful conclusion of the Sixth Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC) Ministerial Meeting held in New Delhi, India, on 3-4 September 2012. We agreed to intensify our cooperation in the four priority areas under the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation, namely tourism, culture, education and transportation and communication, through concrete activities, that aimed at upgrading the livelihoods of people of the riparian countries. We also appreciated India's efforts in establishing an India CLMV Quick Impact Project Revolving Fund.*
22. *We welcomed the institutionalization of various initiatives to promote people-to-people contacts, including annual exchange visits of students, media persons, farmers, scholars, and scientists. We took note of Delhi Dialogue IV in February 2012 and the first ASEAN-India Round Table of Think Tanks in New Delhi, in August 2012.*
23. *We committed to working closely together on common regional and international issues of mutual concern and supporting each other's role at the global level as well as working together to promote and strengthen inclusive and multi-track regional arrangements.*
24. *We welcomed Brunei Darussalam as the Country Coordinator for ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations from July 2012 to July 2015. We looked forward to enhancing the multi-faceted cooperation and advancing the ASEAN-India partnership to a higher level.*

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