



*ADOPTED at the 10<sup>th</sup> AMMDM Meeting  
On 20 October 2022*

**CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE TENTH MINISTERIAL MEETING ON  
DISASTER MANAGEMENT (AMMDM) AND ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE  
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP) TO THE ASEAN AGREEMENT ON  
DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (AADMER)**

20 October 2022, Bangkok, Thailand

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1. The 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) and the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP) to the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) were convened as a joint session on 20 October 2022, in Bangkok, Thailand. The Meeting was opened by H.E. Anupong Paojinda, Minister of Interior, as the Chair of the AMMDM, and chaired by H.E. Pol. Lt. Gen. Nadhapit Snidvongs, Vice-Minister of Interior, Kingdom of Thailand, on behalf of the Chair of the AMMDM. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of ASEAN Member States, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC), the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre).
2. The Meeting commended the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) on the successful implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) through the AADMER Work Programme 2021-2025, as well as the Governing Board of the AHA Centre in providing guidance on the operationalization of the AHA Centre. Accomplishments in both the policy and operational fronts are essential in achieving the aspirations of the ASEAN Declaration on "One ASEAN One Response: ASEAN Responding to Disasters as One in the Region and Outside the Region" and the ASEAN Vision 2025 on Disaster Management; and in fulfilling the objectives of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2025.
3. The Meeting noted with satisfaction the achievements in 2022 across all Priority Programmes of the AADMER Work Programme 2021-2025, including notable achievements such as the endorsement of the ASEAN Framework on Anticipatory Action in Disaster Management and the Guidelines for Operationalising the ASEAN Regional Framework on Protection, Gender, and Inclusion in Disaster Management, as well as their submission for notation of the ASEAN Leaders at the 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summits; the launch of National Case Studies on Capacity Building for Drought Adaptation for Indonesia, Lao PDR, and Thailand; and the endorsement of the Assessment on ASEAN's Current Recovery Capacities.

4. The Meeting noted the ongoing comprehensive review of the Financial Rules of the ADMER Fund, particularly on exploring modalities for the public and private sources to contribute to the ADMER Fund, and looks forward to its finalization for adoption. The Meeting also noted the renewed activation of the Special Humanitarian Assistance Fund to support the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar. The Meeting noted the current balance of the ADMER Fund and encouraged the member states to contribute to the fund to support the implementation of the AADMER.

5. The Meeting noted the ACDM's plans to conduct a comprehensive review of the Terms of Reference of the Secretary-General of ASEAN as the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator (SG-AHAC) jointly with the ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) and the ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD). In the spirit of the Whole-of-ASEAN approach to disaster management, the Meeting commended the strategic, holistic, cross-sectoral and coordinated multi-stakeholder approach in reviewing the SG-AHAC mechanism, in line with the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on the Strategic and Holistic Initiative to Link ASEAN Responses to Emergencies and Disasters (ASEAN SHIELD), and looks forward to the completion of the review and a strengthened SG-AHAC.

6. In the same spirit of Whole-of-ASEAN approach to disaster management, the Meeting welcomed the establishment of the ASEAN Disaster Resilience Platform (ADRP) this year, involving twelve ASEAN Sectoral Bodies across all three ASEAN Community Pillars. The Meeting noted the ADRP's plans to convene the first ASEAN Disaster Resilience Forum back-to-back with the ASEAN Strategic Policy Dialogue on Disaster Management (SPDDM) as well as to commemorate the 20th anniversary celebration of the ACDM in Singapore next year. The meeting looks forward to the series of events to bring disaster management to the fore

7. The Meeting noted Indonesia's plans to conduct the ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (ARDEX) in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, in 2023. The Meeting looks forward to the successful conduct of the exercise, and called for the full participation and support of the ASEAN Member States to Indonesia.

8. Cognizant of the importance of nurturing a mutually beneficial and collaborative relationship with ASEAN's partners in the field of disaster management, the Meeting welcomed the inaugural ASEAN-Republic of Korea Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM Plus ROK). The Meeting appreciated the renewed commitment of China, Japan and ROK in the field of disaster management, and look forward to the implementation of the respective adopted work plans. The Meeting also welcomed the commencement of the negotiations on the Memorandum of Understanding to Establish

the ASEAN-China Centre for Emergency Management Cooperation (ACCEMC).

9. In line with the ASEAN Statement on the Engagement with the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Meeting welcomed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between ASEAN and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) on the Strengthening of Community Resilience in Southeast Asia in May 2022, and looks forward to its implementation.

10. The Meeting congratulated the Government of Indonesia on the successful hosting of the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR) on 23-28 May 2022, which concluded with the Bali Agenda for Resilience. The Meeting also noted the delivery of the ASEAN Joint Statement on Strengthening Resilience to Disasters at the 7<sup>th</sup> GPDRR as well as the ASEAN Joint Statement at the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR) at Brisbane, Australia, on 20 September 2022. The Meeting appreciated the ACDM's active roles in regional and international fora to realise the vision of becoming a global leader in disaster management.

11. The Meeting noted the convening of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board of the AHA Centre and congratulated the progress that have been made in the implementation of the AHA Centre Work Plan 2022. The Meeting reiterated the important role of the AHA Centre in operationalizing the ASEAN Declaration on "One ASEAN One Response: ASEAN Responding to Disasters as One in the Region and Outside the Region" and commended the AHA Centre's assistance to the Government of Thailand to support the communities affected by floods due to the influence of Tropical Cyclone NORU. The Meeting also noted the progress made by the Governing Board of the AHA Centre in the implementation of Point 4 of the ASEAN Leaders' Five-Point Consensus for ASEAN's humanitarian assistance to Myanmar to be delivered through the AHA Centre, under the guidance of the SG-AHAC.

12. The Meeting expressed appreciation for the leadership of the Government of Thailand as the Chair of the ACDM, the Governing Board of the AHA Centre, the COP to AADMER and the AMMDM in 2022. The Meeting applauded the Government of Thailand for their stewardship of the ASEAN Disaster Management Sector through the new normal to emerge stronger together as a disaster resilient ASEAN community. The Meeting looks forward to the 11<sup>th</sup> AMMDM and the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the COP to AADMER under the chairmanship of Viet Nam in 2023.

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