



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

16 December 2015, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

1. The 4th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) and the 3rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) were convened as a joint session in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 16 December 2015. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Nhim Vanda, Senior Minister in Charge of Special Mission and First Vice President of the National Committee for Disaster Management of the Kingdom of Cambodia. The Meeting was attended by Ministers in charge of disaster management or their representatives from all ASEAN Member States and the Secretary-General of ASEAN.
2. The Ministers noted the accomplishments made during the implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Work Programme (2010-2015) and the operationalisation of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre). The Ministers expressed their appreciation for ASEAN Dialogue Partners, various partners and stakeholders, the United Nations, civil society organisations, and relevant international organisations that have been supporting the implementation of the priorities under the AADMER Work Programme. To ensure sufficient resources to support the implementation of the Work Programme and operationalisation of AHA Centre, the Ministers agreed to increase the voluntary contributions of the Member States to the ADMER Fund and the annual and equal contributions for the AHA Centre Fund, and to set up a dedicated team within AHA Centre to mobilise resources from non-traditional and untapped resources to achieve sustainable, predictable and flexible financing in the future.
3. The Ministers commended the accomplishments that have been made by the AHA Centre since its inception four (4) years ago and the strengthened institutional capacities of the Centre. Several milestones that have been achieved by the AHA Centre include the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme; transformation of ASEAN-Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT), enhancement of near real-time Disaster Monitoring and Response System (DMRS); implementation of Disaster Emergency Logistic System for

ASEAN (DELSA) through the regional warehouse in Malaysia and soon-to-be-established satellite warehouses in other ASEAN countries; institutionalisation of the ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (ARDEX) through the ARDEX Handbook; and many other initiatives. Within just four (4) years after its establishment in November 2011, the AHA Centre has responded to thirteen (13) disasters, with systems, procedures, logistic capacity and assessment teams ready to go. The Ministers expressed gratitude to Australia, China, European Union, Japan, New Zealand, and United States of America for their continuing support to the AHA Centre.

4. The Ministers adopted the ASEAN 2025 Vision on Disaster Management as a strategic policy document that will guide ASEAN in the next ten (10) years in the area of disaster management and emergency response. It identifies three (3) key areas to move the implementation of AADMER forward to a people-centred, people-oriented, financially sustainable, and networked approach by 2025. Three mutually-inclusive strategic elements, i.e. (i) Institutionalisation and Communications, (ii) Finance and Resource Mobilisation, and (iii) Partnerships and Innovations, have been identified to guide the direction of AADMER to 2025 and to make ASEAN as the world leader in disaster management. The development of ASEAN 2025 Vision on Disaster Management has been guided by ASEAN 2025: Forging Ahead Together adopted by the ASEAN Leaders at the 27th ASEAN Summit and has taken into account the development of international frameworks, such as Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the recent Paris Agreement under UNFCCC, APEC Disaster Risk Reduction Framework, and the World Humanitarian Summit's consultations.
5. The Ministers commended ACDM's efforts on the development of the draft of eight (8) Priority Programmes that constitute the AADMER Work Programme for 2016-2020, which will be launched at the 28th ACDM Meeting in April 2016 in Indonesia.
6. The Ministers endorsed the ASEAN Declaration on One ASEAN One Response: ASEAN Responding to Disasters as One in the Region and Outside the Region, for adoption by the ASEAN Leaders at the 28th ASEAN Summit in Lao PDR in 2016. The Declaration is based on the principle of harnessing the individual and collective strengths of different sectors and stakeholders in ASEAN to effectively respond to disasters inside and outside the region.
7. The Ministers agreed to enhance ASEAN's visibility in humanitarian response by carrying both national and ASEAN emblems to underscore that ASEAN is responding together as one. In this regard, the Ministers endorsed the ASEAN Armband Guidelines and supported the use of the ASEAN armband by all personnel of each Member State who take part in HADR operations and exercises, as well as civil society organisations and other relevant stakeholders, as authorised by the respective ACDM Focal Points.
8. The Ministers agreed to continue to showcase ASEAN's leadership by actively contributing to strategic policy discussions at the global level. For the upcoming World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, Turkey in May 2016, the Ministers agreed to convene an Informal AMMDM and issue an ASEAN Joint Statement at the said Summit. Following the successful conduct of the Post-2015 AADMER Strategic Policy Dialogue on 2 November 2015 in

Singapore, the Ministers agreed to convene a strategic policy dialogue in the region on a regular basis to exercise ASEAN's thought leadership on disaster management.

9. The Ministers commended the multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder coordination that has been initiated under the leadership of ACDM, in particular through the ASEAN Joint Task Force on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (JTF-HADR) and the Technical Working Group on Civil-Military Coordination (TWG CIMIC), which have provided good platforms for coordination with other sectors in ensuring ASEAN's collective response to disasters. The Ministers also supported various initiatives in engaging the involvement of various sectors and relevant stakeholders in the implementation of AADMER.
10. The Ministers noted the successful completion of the ASEAN's Strategic Assistance for the Recovery of Yolanda-Affected Areas (ARYA), funded under the ASEAN Development Fund. The Ministers encouraged the replication of good practices coming out from the ARYA Project and further development of the ASEAN Disaster Recovery Toolbox in promoting resilience recovery and planning approach.
11. The Ministers expressed appreciation for the capable leadership of the Royal Government of Cambodia as Chair of the ACDM, the Governing Board of the AHA Centre, the COP to AADMER and the AMMDM in 2015. The Chair expressed confidence for the leadership of Indonesia as the Chair of ACDM, the Governing Board of the AHA Centre, the COP to AADMER and the AMMDM in 2016, and looked forward to the 4th AMMDM and the 5th Meeting of the COP to AADMER, scheduled in Indonesia the second half of 2016.
12. The Ministers expressed appreciation to the Royal Government of Cambodia for hosting the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the AADMER and the Third ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM), and for the excellent arrangements made and hospitality provided.

Phnom Penh, 16 December 2015
