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Statement by the Chair of ASEAN on the Floods in Southeast Asia

ASEAN Member States express their deep sympathy and condolence to the Governments and peoples of Southeast Asian countries for the loss of lives and damage to social, economic as well as environmental assets caused by floods from heavy incessant rains over the past months, which affected, among others, Cambodia, Lao PDR, the Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

ASEAN Member States wish the bereaved families of the victims and those currently affected by the floods would be given strength and comfort in facing this disaster. They believe that the Governments and peoples of the affected countries will rise from this disaster with strong spirit and resilience to resume normal life and to rebuild their communities.

In this regard, the ASEAN Member States also express their readiness to lend the affected countries support and assistance in a timely manner and in appropriate ways in accordance with the spirit of ASEAN solidarity.

The ASEAN Member States further emphasize the importance of strong cooperation and coordination amongst ASEAN Member States and believe that full implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) and the operationalisation of the ASEAN Co-ordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) will play a significant role in enhancing the regional capacity on disaster management.

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