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77/12. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling the aims and purposes of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, as enshrined in the Bangkok Declaration of 8 August 1967,¹ in particular the maintenance of close and beneficial cooperation with existing international and regional organizations with similar aims and purposes,

Noting the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which came into force on 15 December 2008,² particularly on upholding the Charter of the United Nations and international law,

Noting with satisfaction that the activities of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recalling all previous resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations,³

Recalling also the fiftieth anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in 2017, under the chairmanship of the Philippines, and its resolution [71/317](#) of 19 July 2017 on the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations,

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1331, No. 22341.

² Ibid., vol. 2624, No. 46745.

³ Resolutions [57/35](#), [59/5](#), [61/46](#), [63/35](#), [65/235](#), [67/110](#), [69/110](#), [71/255](#), [73/259](#) and [75/15](#).



Welcoming the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in 2022, under the chairmanship of Cambodia, under the theme “Association of Southeast Asian Nations ACT: addressing challenges together”,

Recalling the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations in 2020, during which States Members of the United Nations strongly reaffirmed their commitment to reinvigorated multilateralism to tackle global challenges and strengthen United Nations partnership with regional and subregional organizations, and welcoming continued commitments and efforts by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to uphold multilateralism and the rule of law,

Recognizing the continued significance of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women⁴ and Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) of 31 October 2000 on women and peace and security, and Council resolution 2538 (2020) of 28 August 2020 on bolstering women’s full, effective and meaningful participation in peacekeeping at all levels and in all positions,

Welcoming in this regard efforts and commitments by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and to advance the women and peace and security agenda, and welcoming also the successful convening of the second Association of Southeast Asian Nations Women Leaders’ Summit on 12 October 2022 in Cambodia,

Acknowledging the work of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in the area of peacekeeping through its Peacekeeping Centres Network and Defence Ministers Meeting Plus Experts’ Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations, which focuses primarily on capacity-building both for policy and operational aspects and also promotes the advancement of the women and peace and security agenda, as well as the youth, peace and security agenda,

Noting with appreciation the progress made in the implementation of the Framework Agreement for Cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations Children’s Fund, which has contributed significantly in promoting and protecting the rights of women and children, and noting further the strengthening of the social service workforce in the region through the implementation of the Road Map for the Implementation of the Hanoi Declaration on Strengthening Social Work for Cohesive and Responsive Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community,

Recognizing the immense impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), including human cost and suffering as well as profound socioeconomic effects, while underscoring the importance of enhanced international cooperation and multilateral efforts in addressing unprecedented challenges caused by the pandemic,

Recognizing also efforts by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to advance its collective response to the COVID-19 pandemic, enhance cooperation with its external partners, including the United Nations, and the international community in the fight against COVID-19, as well as mitigate the multifaceted impact of the pandemic towards swift and sustainable recovery, and acknowledging in this regard the declaration of the special Association of Southeast Asian Nations summit on COVID-19 held on 14 April 2020⁵ and other subsequent measures, including the establishment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations COVID-19 Response Fund, the ongoing implementation of the Comprehensive Recovery Framework and

⁴ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4–15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

⁵ [A/74/811](#), annex.

Implementation Plan and the cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the World Health Organization in responding to COVID-19,

Welcoming the successful convening of the second Association of Southeast Asian Nations global dialogue on post-COVID-19 comprehensive recovery on 13 November 2022 in Phnom Penh, during which participants reaffirmed their commitment to working together towards accelerating inclusive, sustainable and resilient post-pandemic socioeconomic recovery in the region,

Noting with appreciation the continued support of the United Nations for the ongoing work of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management through its capacity-building programmes in addressing disaster risk reduction and management, emergency response and humanitarian assistance in the region,

Welcoming the tenth anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Institute for Peace and Reconciliation, as well as the close cooperation of the Institute and the United Nations, including through the first Institute and United Nations regional workshop on youth, peace and security, to be hosted by the Lao People's Democratic Republic in December 2022, and recognizing the need to further enhance cooperation in preventive diplomacy, conflict prevention and confidence-building, including collaboration between the United Nations and the Institute,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,⁶

Commending the contribution of the Comprehensive Partnership between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations, which marked its tenth anniversary in 2021, to the realization of their common goals for peace, stability and sustainable development, and noting with satisfaction the progress of the implementation of the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (2021–2025), with 120 of 140, or 86 per cent, of its action lines having been addressed as of September 2022,

Welcoming the participation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in the high-level meetings between the United Nations and regional organizations, as well as the collaboration between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to promote dialogue and cooperation among regional organizations in Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling the First to Twelfth Summits of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations and the commitment of the leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations to further deepen their comprehensive partnership,

Welcoming progress in the implementation of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations 2025: Forging Ahead Together and its three Community Blueprints, and the three Midterm Reviews of the Implementation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community Blueprints 2025,

Noting with satisfaction the progress of the Initiative for Association of Southeast Asian Nations Integration Work Plan IV (2021–2025) and the Midterm Review of the Master Plan on Association of Southeast Asian Nations Connectivity 2025, and agreeing to explore opportunities and technical training programmes that would help to narrow the development gap in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations through its Work Plan IV,

⁶ See [A/77/277-S/2022/606](#), sect. II.

Recognizing the efforts of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to strengthen its institutions, and in this regard recalling the establishment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community on 31 December 2015,

1. *Welcomes* the progress towards achieving the implementation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community Vision 2025, which will ensure lasting peace and stability, sustained economic growth, shared prosperity and social progress in the region;

2. *Reaffirms* the commitment of the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to further strengthening their partnership, as described in the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations, issued on 19 November 2011, and in ensuring their current Plan of Action (2021–2025);

3. *Encourages* the United Nations, including the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and other relevant United Nations entities, to continue to work closely with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development⁷ and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community Vision 2025, to promote complementarities and partnership between the two to ensure that regional integration efforts in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations reinforce the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals and vice versa, through implementation of the Complementarities Road Map (2020–2025), the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development, the annual High-level Brainstorming Dialogue on Enhancing Complementarities between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community Vision 2025 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as other concrete activities and projects under their Plan of Action (2021–2025);

4. *Welcomes* the United Nations support for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue in Thailand in order to encourage research and studies, build capacities of States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations as well as support dialogue and enhance cooperation on sustainable development between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and its external partners, including the United Nations and its relevant entities;

5. *Encourages* continued efforts to resume the convening of annual meetings of the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with a view to further enhancing the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations comprehensive partnership, including by reviewing, overseeing and directing the implementation of the present resolution;

6. *Encourages* the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to continue regular meetings of senior officials, ministerial meetings and summits, and in this regard welcomes the convening of the Twelfth Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations on 11 November 2022;

7. *Encourages* the United Nations to provide strengthened support, including through exchanges of relevant experiences, information, best practices, lessons learned and capacity-building, based on mutual respect, for the relevant Association of Southeast Asian Nations mechanisms and Association of Southeast Asian Nations-led arrangements, as appropriate;

8. *Reaffirms* the importance of enhancing regional security and cooperation and the peaceful settlement of disputes to promote peace, stability and prosperity, in

⁷ Resolution 70/1.

accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia⁸ and international law;

9. *Supports* the convening of workshops and seminars between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations to promote dialogue on regional and global security issues, including conflict prevention, preventive diplomacy, disarmament and non-proliferation, cybersecurity, peacekeeping operations, transnational crime, illicit trafficking in wildlife and timber, counter-terrorism and the prevention of violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism, based on mutual trust, shared interests and mutual respect;

10. *Encourages* cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to exchange expertise, best practices, lessons learned and experiences and promote capacity-building in countering terrorism and radicalization to terrorism and in preventing violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism, inter alia through the provision of United Nations technical support under the coordination of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Bali Work Plan, as well as in addressing the growing threats of transnational crime and cross-border challenges, which require comprehensive approaches, including through effective regional cooperation, in order to foster a more secure, interconnected and prosperous Association of Southeast Asian Nations community;

11. *Also encourages* cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in the field of human rights, particularly through the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children, based on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Human Rights Declaration, the Phnom Penh Statement on the Adoption of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Human Rights Declaration, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights⁹ and other international human rights instruments and mechanisms to which all of the States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations are parties, and in this regard takes note of the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Human Rights Declaration in 2022 and the meeting on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights-United Nations interface, held on 16 November 2022 in Cambodia;

12. *Acknowledges* the importance of maritime cooperation, including maritime security cooperation, between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, including in the form of training workshops and the exchange of relevant experiences, information, best practices and lessons learned, to further promote the rule of law and the implementation of relevant international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,¹⁰ and other international instruments, and underscores the need to further strengthen such cooperation in order to address related issues and challenges;

13. *Reiterates* the importance of regional integration and enhancement of connectivity in the South-East Asian region and their potential contribution to regional and global peace, prosperity and sustainable development, and in this regard encourages cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the

⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1025, No. 15063.

⁹ Resolution [217 A \(III\)](#).

¹⁰ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1833, No. 31363.

United Nations to narrow the development gap within and between the States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and also encourages support by the United Nations in the implementation of the Master Plan on Association of Southeast Asian Nations Connectivity 2025;

14. *Welcomes* the ongoing progress of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in implementing its Economic Community Blueprint 2025, and encourages continued efforts and enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations towards deepening economic integration both within the region and in the global economy, including through capacity-building and advisory services in areas such as trade and investment, the development of micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises, regulatory frameworks, global supply chains and resource management, tourism, energy sustainability, interconnectivity, science, technology and innovation, paperless trade and e-commerce;

15. *Encourages* continued partnership of the United Nations in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Smart Cities Network, which is part of the integration efforts of the Association that synergize development efforts, promote greater cooperation among member cities, the private sector and external partners, spearhead smart city development and sustainable urbanization, with the goal of improving the lives of the citizens of the States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations by using technology and digital infrastructure as enablers, and facilitate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals;

16. *Also encourages* efforts to develop effective partnerships and promote closer cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in peacekeeping, peacebuilding and sustaining peace, by engaging in joint peacekeeping and peacebuilding-related activities and training under the Plan of Action (2021–2025), increasing women's participation in peace processes and pursuing the United Nations triangular partnership project among participating States members of the Association, and in the context of the Action for Peacekeeping initiative and Action for Peacekeeping Plus;

17. *Welcomes* efforts to promote mine action at the global level, including at the United Nations, and encourages collaboration between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Regional Mine Action Centre, including the sharing of expertise and best practices, training and capacity-building activities, in addressing the humanitarian aspects of landmines and explosive remnants of war;

18. *Encourages* closer cooperation on disaster risk reduction, emergency response and management between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in order to ensure an effective response to and management of natural disasters, strengthen climate change adaptation measures and build resilience to disasters through the implementation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations Joint Strategic Plan of Action on Disaster Management (2021–2025), to enhance the capacity of and technical support to Association of Southeast Asian Nations relevant initiatives and centres through the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, and to realize the vision of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to be a global leader in disaster management;

19. *Also encourages* closer cooperation on the culture of peace agenda between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, including through the six thrusts of the 2017 Association of Southeast Asian Nations Declaration on Culture of Prevention for a Peaceful, Inclusive, Resilient, Healthy and Harmonious Society;

20. *Further encourages* cooperation and collaborative efforts between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in addressing environmental sustainability, climate change, biodiversity conservation, including through the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Centre for Biodiversity, as well as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Centre for Climate Change in Brunei Darussalam, once established, and the protection, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial, coastal and marine ecosystems, including the prevention and reduction of marine plastic debris;

21. *Encourages* the continued conduct of the two organizations' secretariat-to-secretariat meeting to review the implementation of their Plan of Action (2021–2025), noting the most recent meeting, held on the sidelines of the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly, on 21 September 2022 in New York, and further encourages the frequent exchange of information between sectoral desk officers of the two secretariats on programmes, activities and projects to explore potential partnerships in areas of mutual interest;

22. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its seventy-ninth session, a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session, under the item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations”, the sub-item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations”.

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