

ASEAN-PAKISTAN JOINT DECLARATION FOR COOPERATION TO COMBAT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

We, the Governments of Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Participants");

RECOGNISING that terrorism constitutes a serious threat to the peace, security and economic prosperity of the world in general and to ASEAN and Pakistan in particular;

MINDFUL of the 2001 ASEAN Declaration on Joint Action to Counter Terrorism, which, inter alia, undertakes to strengthen cooperation at bilateral, regional and international levels;

REAFFIRMING their determination to prevent, suppress, combat and eliminate international Terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and International law and having regard to all relevant United Nations resolutions or declarations on international terrorism and affirming that the United Nations should play a major role in combating terrorism;

RECOGNISING the principles of sovereign equality, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of other States;

REJECTING any attempt to associate terrorism with any religion, race or nationality;

ACKNOWLEDGING the achievements made by the ASEAN Member Countries and their partners in the fight against terrorism and the continuing commitment of the ASEAN Regional Forum [ARF) to strengthen regional cooperation in the fight against terrorism;

RECOGNISING that the transboundary character of terrorism calls for an international response, the fight against terrorism requires a comprehensive approach by the international community comprising political, economic, diplomatic, military and legal means in accordance with our respective domestic laws, duly taking into account root causes of terrorism without acknowledging these as justifications for terrorist and/or criminal activities;

ENCOURAGED by the strong cooperation between the Member Countries of ASEAN and Pakistan on security, intelligence and law enforcement matters;

DESIRING to strengthen and expand this cooperation between relevant agencies concerned in ASEAN and Pakistan to fight international terrorism;

Declare as follows

Objectives: