

## **JOINT DECLARATION OF THE HEADS OF STATE**

We, the Heads of State/Government 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 and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and the Head of State of the Russian Federation, having held our historic first Summit on 13 December 2005 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;

ACKNOWLEDGING the dynamic developments in the Asia-Pacific region and the world and the similar approaches we share in addressing the most pressing regional and international issues;

NOTING the establishment of consultative partnership in 1994 and full Dialogue Partnership in 1996, and that ASEAN-Russian Federation cooperation has achieved steady progress, thereby strengthening the foundation of partnership for further expansion and enhancement of the relationship to acquire a more dynamic and comprehensive character;

RECOGNISING that the Joint Declaration of the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN and the Russian Federation on Partnership for Peace and Security, and Prosperity and Development in the Asia-Pacific region signed in 2003 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, has played a significant role in strengthening the Dialogue Partnership;

HAVING considered in all aspects the status of the spectrum of ASEAN-Russian Federation dialogue relations and prospects for their further promotion;

HEREBY DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:

### Strengthening of Dialogue Partnership

1. ASEAN and the Russian Federation are committed to further pursue development of multi-dimensional interaction and cooperation.
2. ASEAN and the Russian Federation reaffirm that further consolidation of their Dialogue Partnership should be carried out to ensure economic growth, sustainable development, prosperity and social progress of both ASEAN and the Russian Federation based on the principles of equality, mutual benefit and shared responsibility, and to promote peace, stability, security and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region.
3. ASEAN and the Russian Federation express their common determination in broadening mutually beneficial dialogue relations in all spheres and at all levels. In this connection, ASEAN and the Russian Federation agree to conduct regular ASEAN-Russian Federation Summits.
4. ASEAN and the Russian Federation will improve and strengthen, where appropriate, the dialogue mechanisms, namely the ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference (PMC)+1 Sessions with the Russian Federation, ASEAN-Russian Federation Senior Officials Meetings, ASEAN-Russian Federation Joint Cooperation

Committee, ASEAN-Russian Federation Joint Planning and Management Committee, ASEAN-Russian Federation Working Group on Trade and Economic Cooperation, ASEAN-Russian Federation Working Group on Science and Technology as well as other joint bodies that may be established in the future. In this regard, we welcome the decision of the ASEAN Economic Ministers to establish the ASEAN-Russian Federation Senior Economic Officials Consultations. These mechanisms will be convened regularly in order to fulfill their common goal.

5. ASEAN welcomes the readiness of the Russian Federation to make voluntary financial contributions to the ASEAN-Russian Federation Dialogue Partnership Financial Fund which will be utilised to implement mutually beneficial joint activities and programmes within the ASEAN-Russian Federation Dialogue Partnership framework.

#### Political and Security Cooperation

6. ASEAN and the Russian Federation note that globalisation has resulted in the growing interdependence of countries thus making their security and prosperity interconnected. With the increasingly global nature of security threats, the only way for the international community to address them efficiently is to stand united and increase efforts in countering them through closer coordination, on the basis of principles and norms of international law and in support of multilateralism.

7. ASEAN and the Russian Federation are determined to expand their interaction as well as cooperation with all interested partners with a view to building greater stability and security and create favourable conditions for global sustainable development in the interests of the international community.

8. ASEAN and the Russian Federation reaffirm the supremacy of international law, including such basic principles as respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, noninterference into their internal affairs and the non-use of force or threat of force in violation of the UN Charter. In this regard, ASEAN and the Russian Federation share the view that the United Nations (UN) and in particular, the Security Council and the UN General Assembly play a central role in maintaining international peace and security.

9. ASEAN and the Russian Federation attach great importance to further strengthening ASEAN-Russian Federation interaction in addressing global issues. In this context, ASEAN and the Russian Federation are determined to strengthen, inter alia, the coordination of collective efforts within the framework of the UN and other international organisations as appropriate.

10. ASEAN and the Russian Federation are convinced that settlement of any international and regional conflict and crises should be carried out strictly in accordance with the UN Charter and other principles and norms of international law, taking into consideration the legitimate interests of all parties involved.

11. Both ASEAN and the Russian Federation are equally concerned about the terrorist threat and consider it as one of the most serious challenges facing the world today. Both ASEAN and the Russian Federation reaffirm their common resolve to develop counter-terrorism cooperation based on United Nations conventions and protocols relating to terrorism, the UN Security Council resolutions, as well as the ASEAN-Russian Federation Joint Declaration for Cooperation to Combat International Terrorism signed in 2004 in Jakarta, Indonesia, and other counter-terrorism

conventions to which the individual Member Countries of ASEAN and the Russian Federation are parties to, and regard such interaction as an important integral part of global efforts to eradicate terror.

12. ASEAN and the Russian Federation will enhance cooperation in combating transnational organised crime, including illicit drug trafficking, trafficking in persons, sea piracy, arms smuggling, money laundering, international economic crime and cyber crime through actively participating in the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) - Russian Federation Consultations, so as to enhance effective institutional contacts, information exchange and implementation of agreed programmes of mutual interest.

13. The Russian federation regards ASEAN as the driving force of integration processes in the Asia-Pacific region. In this context, the Russian Federation supports efforts of the Member Countries of ASEAN to establish the ASEAN Security Community. On its part, ASEAN notes the important role and deep involvement of the Russian Federation in the affairs of the Asia-Pacific region, as an integral part thereof, and reaffirms its willingness to promote a fuller integration of the Russian federation into the system of regional multilateral cooperation.

14. ASEAN welcomes the Russian Federation's accession to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia in Vientiane, Lao PDR, in 2004, which both sides consider as the basis of the code of conduct for regional states to maintain peace and stability. ASEAN and the Russian Federation seek to highlight the importance of a strict observance of its provisions by all the participating states and call upon ASEAN's Dialogue Partners who have not yet done so to consider accession to the Treaty as soon as possible.

15. ASEAN and the Russian Federation seek to promote interaction within the framework of various regional organisations and associations. In particular, ASEAN and the Russian Federation will strengthen cooperation within the framework of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation forum (APEC) and Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD). ASEAN and the Russian Federation will endeavor to further promote cooperation between ASEAN and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

16. ASEAN supports the Russian Federation's efforts to promote peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region, including those through the SCO. In this regard, ASEAN and the Russian Federation shall endeavour to promote interaction between various regional and international organisations and fora.

17. The Russian Federation recognises and respects ASEAN's efforts to establish a Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone through the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ) and regards this endeavour as an important element of enhancing regional security and a vital contribution to establishing such zones globally.

#### Economic and Social Development Cooperation

18. Recognising that economic progress constitutes a prerequisite for maintaining peace, security and stability in the region, ASEAN and the Russian Federation share the common view that the development of economic cooperation between them will contribute positively to the prosperity of ASEAN and the Russian Federation and of the whole region. In this regard, ASEAN and the Russian Federation reiterate their