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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES TO STRENGTHENING ASEAN COLLABORATION ON YOUTH

The Foreign Ministers of the ASEAN countries representing the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore and the Kingdom of Thailand,

CONCERNED with the fostering and development of youth in ASEAN countries ;

RECOGNIZING the importance of active participation and integration of the ASEAN youth in sharing the future development and progress of ASEAN and the necessity of meeting the need and aspiration of the youth in ASEAN countries ;

AWARE that only profound understanding of the current situation and likely prospects can lead to the promotion of the best educational, professional and living condition for the young people in ASEAN which will ensure their active participation and integration in national and regional development ;

CONSIDERING the necessity of strengthening ASEAN collaboration on youth ;

DESIRING to further intensify the aims and purposes of the Bangkok Declaration of 1967, and the Declaration of ASEAN Concord of 1976 ;

"DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT :

In the context of strengthening ASEAN collaboration on youth, each Member Country either individually or collectively in ASEAN shall endeavour :

1. To create appropriate environments which facilitate the promotion and development of the creativity and responsibility of youth and the participation and integration of youth in national and regional development.
2. To promote policies and programmes relating to youth as an integral part of social, moral, cultural, spiritual and economic development.
3. To increase employment opportunities through formulation of effective programmes, national policies and plans to reduce youth unemployment.
4. To expand the base of youth participation and integration at the national and regional levels of development, such as through mobilization, consultation, participation in decision making and provision of services.
5. To create opportunity that will enable all young persons to benefit from the educational programmes and activities at national and regional