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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

* Reissued for technical reasons on 4 December 2014.

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 and 67/110.



Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General,⁴

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,

Welcoming also the Association of Southeast Asian Nations as an observer in the General Assembly,

Recalling the First to Fifth Summits of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations, held in Bangkok on 12 February 2000, at United Nations Headquarters on 13 September 2005, in Hanoi on 29 October 2010, in Bali, Indonesia, on 19 November 2011, and in Bandar Seri Begawan, on 10 October 2013, respectively, and the commitment of the leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations to further deepen and broaden cooperation between the two organizations,

Welcoming the Nay Pyi Taw Declaration on the Realization of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community by 2015, issued at the twenty-fourth Association of Southeast Asian Nations Summit, held in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, on 11 May 2014, in which the Association reiterated its strong commitment to the realization of an Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community that is politically cohesive, economically integrated and socially responsible,

Recognizing the efforts of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to strengthen its institutions as well as to set its post-2015 vision for an Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community that will ensure the credibility and centrality of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in changing circumstances as well as support the United Nations post-2015 development agenda, and in this regard welcoming the adoption of the Nay Pyi Taw Declaration on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community's post-2015 vision, issued at the twenty-fifth Association of Southeast Asian Nations Summit in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, on 12 November 2014,

1. *Welcomes* the progress in the implementation of the Road Map for an Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community (2009-2015), which will ensure lasting peace and stability, sustained economic growth, shared prosperity and social progress in the region;

2. *Also welcomes* the progress of the implementation of the Bali Declaration on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community in a Global Community of Nations (Bali Concord III) Plan of Action (2013-2017), which will enhance the role of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in addressing global challenges and seizing the opportunities of the twenty-first century;

3. *Recognizes* the commitment of the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to develop the partnership between the two organizations, as described in the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 27 September 2007;

4. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations to further intensify and strengthen the level of and framework

⁴ [A/69/228-S/2014/560](#) sect. II.

for cooperation between the two organizations through the implementation of the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations issued at the Fourth Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations Summit on 19 November 2011 in Bali;

5. *Encourages* the United Nations to continue to work closely with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to achieve the common goals as set out in the Joint Declaration, including the Millennium Development Goals, and to support the Association of Southeast Asian Nations community-building, including the successful implementation of the Road Map for an Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community (2009-2015) and the master plan on Association of Southeast Asian Nations connectivity;

6. *Commends* the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations for their efforts to hold annual meetings during the regular sessions of the General Assembly, with a view to further enhancing the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations partnership, including overseeing, directing and reviewing the implementation of the present resolution;

7. *Continues to encourage* the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to convene regular summits, welcomes the holding of the Sixth Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations Summit on 12 November 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw, and in this regard also welcomes the adoption of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations work plan for 2015;

8. *Encourages* the United Nations to provide strengthened support, including through exchanges of best practices and capacity-building, for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Institute for Peace and Reconciliation and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Regional Mine Action Centre;

9. *Reaffirms* the importance of enhancing regional security and cooperation and the peaceful settlement of disputes to promote peace, stability and prosperity, both regionally and globally, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law;

10. *Also reaffirms* the positive initiative of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations on the Global Movement of Moderates in shaping global development and advancing global peace, particularly in efforts to fight against violence, extremism and radicalism, and also welcomes the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations regional dialogue on the political-security cooperation pillar on “Conflict prevention and maintenance of peace and stability in multicultural and pluralistic societies”, held in Kuala Lumpur on 24 and 25 June 2014;

11. *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, to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights, including the rights of women, children, the elderly and persons with disabilities, as well as the rights of migrant workers in

accordance with national laws, regulations and policies of the member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, as well as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Human Rights Declaration and Phnom Penh leaders' statement on the adoption of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Human Rights Declaration, and welcomes in this regard the efforts of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to finalize an Association of Southeast Asian Nations instrument on the protection and promotion of the rights of migrant workers and to support the implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Elimination of Violence Against Children in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations adopted at the twenty-third Association of Southeast Asian Nations Summit, held in Bandar Seri Begawan in October 2013;

12. *Acknowledges* the contribution of maritime cooperation, including maritime security cooperation, to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations community-building, such as in the form of exchange of information and experiences to further promote the rule of law and implementation of relevant international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,⁵ and other international instruments, and underscores the need to further strengthen such cooperation in order to address related issues and challenges;

13. *Also acknowledges* the continued participation of the member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in the intergovernmental process to establish the United Nations post-2015 development agenda, and recognizes the importance of ensuring synergies between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community's post-2015 vision, which is now under deliberation, and the post-2015 development agenda, for their effective implementation in supporting the efforts to eradicate poverty and implement an inclusive and sustainable development agenda beyond 2015;

14. *Reiterates* the importance of regional integration in the Southeast Asia region and its potential contribution to regional and global prosperity, stability and development, and encourages cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations to narrow development gaps through poverty alleviation and rural development measures, to promote the development of small and medium-sized enterprises and to enhance Association of Southeast Asian Nations connectivity;

15. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in the implementation of the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases,⁶ and welcomes the development of the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on Non-Communicable Diseases in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, adopted at the twenty-third Association of Southeast Asian Nations Summit on 9 October 2013;

16. *Reaffirms* the adoption by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations leaders of the Declaration on a Drug-Free Association of Southeast Asian Nations 2015, and encourages the continued support of the United Nations for the efforts to achieve this goal;

⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1833, No. 31363.

⁶ Resolution 66/2, annex.

17. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to finalize the draft Association of Southeast Asian Nations Convention on Trafficking in Persons and the Regional Plan of Action by the end of 2014 and its intention to submit them for adoption at the twenty-sixth Association of Southeast Asian Nations Summit in 2015;

18. *Encourages* cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in order to ensure an effective response and management of natural disasters, through the implementation of the second phase of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations Strategic Plan on Disaster Management, and to enhance the capacity and technical support to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management;

19. *Encourages* the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations to explore measures to further the effective and timely implementation of joint activities between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations;

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

21. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first 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".
