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79/290. 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,

Recalling further 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

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](#), [75/15](#) and [77/12](#).



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,

Welcoming the fifty-seventh anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in 2024, under the chairmanship of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, under the theme "Enhancing connectivity and resilience",

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 135 out of 140, or 96 per cent, of its action lines having been addressed as of September 2024,

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 and other relevant United Nations entities to promote dialogue and cooperation among regional organizations in Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling the First to Fourteenth 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,

Acknowledging the work of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in the area of peacekeeping through its Peacekeeping Centres Network, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Regional Forum Peacekeeping Experts' Meeting and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations 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,

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, which will mark its twenty-fifth anniversary in 2025, as well as Security 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 third Association of Southeast Asian Nations Women Leaders' Summit in Vientiane on 23 August 2024, guided by the theme "Strengthening the care economy and resilience towards the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community post-2025", during which the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children launched the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

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.

Guidelines for Developing National Standard Operating Procedures for a Coordinated Response to Violence against Women and Girls,

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,

Noting with appreciation also the continued partnership of the United Nations in building disaster resilience among the States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, including through the implementation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations Joint Strategic Plan of Action on Disaster Management IV (2021–2025), which contributes to the strengthening of the capacity of the Association in risk monitoring and analysis, prevention and mitigation, preparedness and response and recovery, while also promoting its global leadership in disaster management, and which includes assistance to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management, in line with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response Work Programme for 2021–2025,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,⁵

Acknowledging that the Association of Southeast Asian Nations has consistently placed high priority on achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development⁶ and underscored its complementarities with implementing the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community Vision 2025 in uplifting the lives of people in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations region through various initiatives, including the Complementarities Initiative and the Complementarities Road Map (2020–2025), the annual High-level Brainstorming Dialogue on Enhancing Complementarities between the Community Vision 2025 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals with National Development Planning Agencies and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue,

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, as well as the undertaking of the three End-term Reviews of the Implementation of the Community Blueprints 2025, and looking forward to the early completion of the End-term Reviews in order to draw lessons and best practices for the future implementation of the Strategic Plans,

Noting with satisfaction the progress of the Initiative for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Integration Work Plan IV (2021–2025) and the Master Plan on Association of Southeast Asian Nations Connectivity 2025, agreeing to explore opportunities for joint cooperation and technical training programmes that would help to build capacity, narrow the development gaps within and among States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and continue to address the development disparities to achieve a more balanced and inclusive regional development by accelerating the implementation of the Initiative for Integration Work Plan IV (2021–2025) and the Master Plan on Connectivity 2025, and looking forward to the development of their successor documents,

⁵ See A/79/302-S/2024/600, sect. II.

⁶ Resolution 70/1.

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 in 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, and looks forward to the adoption of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community Vision 2045 and its Strategic Plans, which will chart out the future direction of the Association towards a resilient, innovative, dynamic and people-centred Association of Southeast Asian Nations in 2045;

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 to ensuring effective implementation of their current Plan of Action (2021–2025), looks forward to the adoption of the successor Plan of Action (2026–2030), and underscores the importance of strengthening institutional cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations, including through the United Nations liaison presence in Jakarta;

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 Development and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community Vision 2025 as well as the upcoming Community Vision 2045, 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, especially through implementation of the Complementarities Initiative and its five priority areas of poverty eradication, infrastructure and connectivity, sustainable management of natural resources, sustainable consumption and production, and resilience and capacity-building, and through the successor Post-2025 Complementarities Initiative;

4. *Welcomes* the collaboration between the United Nations and 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* collaboration between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to advance education for sustainable development by addressing the needs of children and youth, including those out of school, enhancing access to quality education, enhancing cooperation in technical and vocational education and training, promoting youth engagement and sports for development, and fostering a culture of lifelong learning through initiatives aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and human development priorities;

6. *Also 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;

7. *Recognizes* the significant contributions of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in strengthening its centrality, which serves as a cornerstone for regional stability and prosperity, and a pillar for international peace and security;

8. *Welcomes* the commitment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to promoting the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Outlook on the Indo-Pacific with a view to enhancing the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community-building process and strengthening and complementing cooperation of the Association with its partners;

9. *Encourages* the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to continue to hold regular meetings of senior officials, ministerial meetings and summits, and in this regard welcomes the convening of the Fourteenth Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations in Vientiane on 11 October 2024;

10. *Encourages* the United Nations to strengthen cooperation with the relevant Association of Southeast Asian Nations sectoral bodies through Association of Southeast Asian Nations-led mechanisms, including through exchanges of relevant experiences, information, best practices, lessons learned and capacity-building, based on mutual respect, as appropriate;

11. *Reaffirms* the importance of enhancing regional security and cooperation and the peaceful settlement of disputes to promote peace, stability and prosperity, in accordance with international law, the Charter of the United Nations and the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, as well as the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia;⁷

12. *Supports* the convening of workshops, seminars and regional capacity-building programmes 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 organized crime, including but not limited to 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;

13. *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 Office of Counter-Terrorism in support of the implementation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Convention on Counter-Terrorism, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Plan of Action to Prevent and Counter the Rise of Radicalisation and Violent Extremism (2018–2025) and its corresponding cross-sectoral Bali Work Plan as well as the succeeding guiding documents, and supports the efforts of the Association in addressing the growing threats of transnational organized 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;

⁷ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1025, No. 15063.

14. *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 Association of Southeast Asian Nations Leaders' Declaration on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Human Rights Dialogue, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights⁸ 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 convening of the first Association of Southeast Asian Nations Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights–United Nations Dialogue on Human Rights in Geneva from 27 to 29 September 2023;

15. *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,⁹ and other international instruments, and underscores the need to further strengthen such cooperation in order to address related issues and challenges;

16. *Reiterates* the importance of fostering 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 United Nations to narrow the development gap within and among the States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations by accelerating the implementation of the Initiative for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Integration Work Plan IV (2021–2025) and its successor document, and also encourages support by the United Nations in the implementation of the Master Plan on Association of Southeast Asian Nations Connectivity 2025 and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Connectivity Post-2025 Strategic Plan;

17. *Welcomes* the progress of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in implementing its Economic Community Blueprint 2025 and developing the forthcoming Association of Southeast Asian Nations Economic Community Strategic Plan(s), and encourages further strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in deepening regional and global economic integration through joint initiatives, cooperation, technical assistance, capacity-building and advisory services in areas such as sustainability, including carbon neutrality, circular economy and blue economy; energy; mining; food security; digital economy, including e-commerce and paperless trading; intellectual property rights; investment; global value chain; science, technology and innovation; development of micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises and start-ups and their participation in global supply chains; public-private partnership; financial inclusion; and regulatory frameworks;

18. *Acknowledges* the cooperation between the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the secretariat of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in co-publishing the reports on digital and sustainable trade facilitation in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in 2021 and 2023, and

⁸ Resolution 217 A (III).

⁹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1833, No. 31363.

encourages continued partnership in advancing digital trade and e-commerce in the coming years, which highlight the efforts and progress of the Association in simplifying and digitalizing trade procedures, acknowledging the crucial role played by paperless trade facilitation in reducing vulnerabilities in global supply chains and mitigating overall trade costs;

19. *Encourages* continued collaboration and partnership between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in strengthening cooperation in the food, agriculture and forestry sectors, *inter alia* by enhancing technical assistance in the fields of food and sustainable and effective water resource management and sustainable, circular and smart agriculture, enhancing regenerative agriculture and forestry resilience to the adverse impact of climate change, promoting nature-based solutions and decarbonization efforts, promoting digitalization in agriculture sectors, advancing sustainable forest management and forest landscape restoration and reforestation initiatives, and fostering public-private partnership and agricultural cooperation;

20. *Welcomes* efforts to promote the sustainability agenda of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations through a comprehensive combination of strategy and frameworks, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Strategy for Carbon Neutrality, the Framework for Circular Economy for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Economic Community and renewable energy initiatives such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Power Grid and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Blue Economy Framework, in achieving, *inter alia*, decarbonization, establishing green value chains and circular economy supply chains, leveraging sustainable finance and investment, harnessing the potential of the blue economy, and empowering businesses to transition towards greener practices, as reflected in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Leaders' Declaration on Developing a Regional Electric Vehicle Ecosystem;

21. *Recognizes* the ongoing progress of the support by the United Nations Development Programme for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations that focuses on innovation and blue priority sectors, including three components: (a) the Blue Innovation Challenge; (b) the Blue Incubation Programme; and (c) Blue Business Matchmaking;

22. *Encourages* closer cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in the area of tourism, in particular to promote sustainable and inclusive tourism and capacity-building programmes in the tourism sector, acknowledging the value of tourism as a driver of socioeconomic growth and development;

23. *Also encourages* enhanced collaboration on sustainable minerals development, including support for the implementation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Principles on Sustainable Minerals Development adopted by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Ministerial Meeting on Minerals in November 2023 and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Minerals Development Vision and its action plan;

24. *Further encourages* continued partnership of the United Nations in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Smart Cities Network and the implementation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy, which is part of the integration efforts of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations 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;

25. *Encourages* strengthened collaboration between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in rural development through empowerment of rural communities and facilitating collaboration among villages, to accelerate poverty eradication and ensure food security in the region;

26. *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, in line with the implementation of the Joint Statement on Promoting Women, Peace and Security in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and pursuing the United Nations triangular partnership project among participating States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and in the context of the Action for Peacekeeping initiative and Action for Peacekeeping Plus;

27. *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;

28. *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, including by enhancing risk financing and insurance, through the implementation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations–United Nations Joint Strategic Plan of Action on Disaster Management (2021–2025), and to enhance the capacity of and technical support to relevant Association of Southeast Asian Nations 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;

29. *Also encourages* continued collaboration between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in enhancing pandemic prevention, preparedness and response capabilities, including in the operationalization of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases, which is poised to serve as a regional hub to bolster prevention, preparedness and response efforts and ensure the region's resilience against future health threats, underscoring the importance of coordinated action to safeguard public health and regional stability;

30. *Further 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;

31. *Encourages* closer collaboration between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to promote culture as an enabler of sustainable development, promote cooperation in the protection, preservation and safeguarding of tangible and intangible cultural heritage, promote the advancement

of creative industries, and promote awareness of mutual understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity;

32. *Also encourages* cooperation and collaborative efforts between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in addressing environmental sustainability, climate change and 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;

33. *Further encourages* cooperation and collaborative efforts between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in promoting decent work for all, including protection of migrant workers, skills recognition, skills development including digital and green skills, social protection, occupational safety and health, green jobs and inclusive employment, and in enhancing labour standards through effective labour inspection, labour market information systems, social dialogue and mainstreaming a gender perspective, with cooperation continuing to support regional studies, workshops and other activities of mutual interest;

34. *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-ninth session of the General Assembly, in New York on 25 September 2024, 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;

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

36. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its eighty-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".

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