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FOREWORD

More than five decades since its establishment in 1967, ASEAN has significantly developed, transformed and evolved into a vibrant and increasingly integrated economic region, a stronger socio-cultural community, and a respected player on the global political-security stage. While maintaining the principles of being a people-oriented and people-centered regional organisation, ASEAN is stepping into 2024 by embarking on another important chapter of its evolution to prepare for and welcome the new ASEAN Community Vision 2045, along with four Strategic Plans of the three pillars of the ASEAN Community as well as the ASEAN Connectivity, which are expected to be adopted by the ASEAN Leaders in 2025. At this critical juncture, it is important to ensure that all of ASEAN's Bodies and Organs are fully recognised and empowered, including the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN.

In this regard, the update of the *Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR) Handbook* is a clear demonstration of our appreciation and acknowledgement of the important work and duties carried out by the Permanent Representatives of the ASEAN Member States to ASEAN. Since the first edition of the Handbook was published in 2017, the CPR has continued to conduct their duties as enshrined in the ASEAN Charter. There is no doubt that the CPR has taken on greater roles on the frontline of ASEAN's external relations amidst the increasing number of partners and

updates of partnership status in recent years. The CPR has also taken on greater coordinating roles for cross-pillar and cross-sectoral initiatives, including the work with regard to Timor-Leste's journey towards full membership of ASEAN.

This Handbook is an updated and republished version, with a view to having a reliable and easy-to-access source of information for all stakeholders seeking to obtain more information pertaining to ASEAN, particularly the work of the CPR. It is hoped that the updated Handbook may continue to deepen and broaden the ASEAN Community-building process through raising the ASEAN awareness as well as the ASEAN identity to the peoples in the region and beyond.



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Secretary-General of ASEAN

December 2023



The Founding Fathers of ASEAN [L-R] Secretary of Foreign Affairs Narciso Ramos (The Philippines), Foreign Minister Adam Malik (Indonesia), Foreign Minister Dr. Thanat Khoman (Thailand), Deputy Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak Hussein (Malaysia), and Foreign Minister S. Rajaratnam (Singapore).

Brief History of ASEAN

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand, with the signing of the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration) by Secretary of Foreign Affairs Narciso Ramos (The Philippines), Foreign Minister Adam Malik (Indonesia), Foreign Minister Dr. Thanat Khoman (Thailand), Deputy Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak Hussein (Malaysia), and Foreign Minister S. Rajaratnam (Singapore). They would be collectively referred to as the five Founding Fathers of ASEAN.



INDONESIA



PHILIPPINES



SINGAPORE



MALAYSIA

THAILAND

Brunei Darussalam joined on 7 January 1984, Viet Nam on 28 July 1995, Lao PDR and Myanmar on 23 July 1997, and Cambodia on 30 April 1999, making up the ten Member States of ASEAN we have today.

The ASEAN Charter, a legally binding agreement among the 10 ASEAN Member States, entered into force on 15 December 2008. It codifies the norms, principles, rules and values that must be upheld in the pursuit of common goals. It also provides the institutional framework for ASEAN.



LAO

MYANMAR

VIET



The ASEAN Foreign Ministers pose in the 'ASEAN-way' during the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter in

December 2008 at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Structure of ASEAN



comprises the Heads of State or Government of the ASEAN Member States and is the supreme policy-making body.



comprises the ASEAN Foreign Ministers and is supported by the relevant Senior Officials. It convenes at least twice a year to, among other functions, prepare for the ASEAN Summit and related meetings, coordinate the implementation of the Summit's decisions and agreements.



comprises the ASEAN Political-Security Community Council, the ASEAN Economic Community Council, and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council. Each Community Council coordinates the work of the different sectors under its purview and coordinates on issues that cut across those of other Community Councils.



comprise Ministers from all ASEAN Member States for a particular sector, such as Education, Youth, Labor, Transportation, to name a few.



serve as the national focal points which, among other roles, coordinate the implementation of decisions at the national level.

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underpins all of the bodies above and comprises the 10 Permanent Representatives of Member States to ASEAN. The Chairmanship of the Committee is held by the Permanent Representative to ASEAN of the Member State which serves as Chair of ASEAN at the time.

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Nam to ASEAN



Roles and Functions of the CPR

The CPR, as outlined in both its Terms of Reference (TOR) and the ASEAN Charter, covers multiple layers of the ASEAN structure. While its TOR specifically notes that the CPR reports to the ASEAN Coordinating Council, its initiatives and recommendations feed into policy discussions at the sectoral, ministerial and summit-levels, as well as with its external partners.

The CPR's tasks may generally be categorised as follows:

- monitoring and implementing Leaders' decisions,
- cross-pillar coordination,
- strengthening relations with ASEAN's external partners,
- providing substantive and administrative direction and support to the ASEAN Secretariat.

The CPR conducts its regular internal meetings at least once a month, with the specific frequency determined by the Chair. These internal CPR meetings discuss a number of issues, both administrative and substantive in nature.

In terms of administrative support, the CPR serves as the approving authority for the annual operational budget of the ASEAN Secretariat, as well as for ASEAN cooperation projects funded by ASEAN's central funds. It serves in the same capacity for the various funding mechanisms maintained with Dialogue Partners.



Meeting and Opening Ceremony of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR),
16 January 2023, ASEAN Hall, ASEAN Secretariat Heritage Building

In addition to its regular internal meetings, the CPR regularly conducts meetings in Jakarta for various mechanisms, including:

- ASEAN-Australia Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-Canada Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-China Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-European Union Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-India Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-Japan Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-Republic of Korea Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-New Zealand Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-Russia Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-United States Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-United Kingdom Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-Norway Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-Pakistan Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-Türkiye Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-Morocco Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-Switzerland Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-Brazil Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-United Arab Emirates Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-South Africa Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-Italy Development Partnership Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-Chile Development Partnership Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-France Development Partnership Committee Meeting
- ASEAN-Netherlands France Development Partnership Committee Meeting
- Group of the East Asia Summit Participating Countries' Ambassadors to ASEAN in Jakarta (EAS Group)

- CPR Plus Three (China,Japan and the Republic of Korea) Meeting

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Roadmaps of Cooperation with ASEAN Dialogue Partners



Australia - Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-Australia Strategic



Partnership (2020-2024) and its Annex



Canada - Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-Canada Enhanced Partnership (2021-2025)



China - Plan of Action to Implement



the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity (2021 – 2023) and ANNEX to the ASEAN-China Plan of Action 2021-2025: Advancing ASEAN-China Comprehensive Strategic Partnership



EU - Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-EU Strategic Partnership (2023-2027)



India - Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity (2021-2025) and ANNEX to Plan of Action



Republic of Korea - Republic of Korea Plan of Action to Implement



the Joint Vision Statement for Peace, Security and Partnership (2021-2025)



New Zealand - Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-New Zealand



Strategic Partnership (2021-2025)

Russia - Comprehensive Plan of



Action (CPA) to Implement the Partnership of Southeast Asian Nations and the Russian Federation Strategic Partnership (2021-2025)



United Kingdom (UK) - Plan of

Action to Implement the ASEAN-United Kingdom Dialogue Partnership (2022-2026)

United States (U.S.) - Plan of

Action to Implement the ASEAN-United States Strategic Partnership (2021-

ASEAN Dialogue Coordinatorship July 2018-July 2027

Dialogue Partner	ASEAN Country Coordinator		
	2018-2021	2021-2024	2024-2027
Australia	Malaysia	Lao PDR	Indonesia
Canada	Myanmar	Malaysia	Lao PDR
China	Philippines	Myanmar	Malaysia
European Union	Singapore	Philippines	Brunei Darussalam
India	Thailand	Singapore	Philippines

Japan	Viet Nam	Thailand	Singapore
Republic of Korea	Brunei Darussalam	Viet Nam	Thailand
New Zealand	Cambodia	Brunei Darussalam	Viet Nam
Russia	Indonesia	Cambodia	Myanmar
United Kingdom		Brunei Darussalam	Viet Nam
United States	Lao PDR	Indonesia	Cambodia

CPR Meeting



1/2023 Meeting and Opening Ceremony of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR), 16 January 2023, ASEAN Hall, ASEAN Secretariat Heritage Building

CPR Plus One with Dialogue Partner



17th ASEAN-Japan Joint Cooperation Committee, 6 June 2023, Nusantara Hall, ASEAN Secretariat New Building



11th ASEAN-Canada Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting, 3 April 2023, Nusantara Hall, ASEAN Secretariat New Building



Second ASEAN-United Kingdom (UK) Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting, 30 March 2023, Nusantara Hall, ASEAN Secretariat New Building



21st ASEAN-Russia Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting, 4 April 2023, ASEAN Hall, ASEAN Secretariat Heritage Building



14th ASEAN-United States (U.S.) Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting, 19 May 2023, ASEAN Hall, ASEAN Secretariat Heritage Building



23rd ASEAN-India Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting, 29 March 2023, Nusantara Hall, ASEAN Secretariat New Building

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