



Annex F

Summit Statement

THE SIXTH AEM–CANADA CONSULTATIONS

8 September 2017, Pasay City, Philippines

4. The Ministers endorsed the Terms of Reference for a Joint Feasibility Study Toward an ASEAN–Canada Free Trade Agreement (FTA). Ministers also welcomed the completion of the Preliminary Joint Feasibility Study for an ASEAN–Canada FTA, which was jointly conducted by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) on ASEAN’s behalf and Global Affairs Canada. This preliminary study provides an overview of the ASEAN and Canadian economies; highlights key bilateral trends in terms of trade in goods, services and investment; examines each party’s broader approach to FTA negotiations; and evaluates the potential benefits of an ASEAN–Canada FTA

THE TWENTY-SECOND AEM–CER CONSULTATIONS

9 September 2017, Pasay City, Philippines

9. The Ministers noted the progress the Parties had made on the AANZFTA General Review. The Ministers welcomed the Report for Stage One of the General Review, which included a stocktake of the operation and implementation of the Agreement and a frank assessment of the performance of the Parties in implementing the Agreement to date. Ministers looked forward to considering the recommendations from Stage Two of the General Review at the Twenty-Third AEM–CER Consultations in 2018 and affirmed the importance of Parties further unlocking the Agreement’s potential, in particular in the context of evolving regional economic architecture. Ministers also acknowledged the contributions of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) on Stage One of the General Review.

THE TWENTIETH AEM PLUS THREE CONSULTATIONS

10 September 2017, Pasay City, Philippines

4. The Plus Three Countries commended the progress of economic integration of ASEAN under AEC Blueprint 2025, and reaffirmed that further cooperation efforts are to be taken by the Plus Three Countries to deepen economic integration of ASEAN. In this context, the Ministers also discussed how to utilize ERIA to promote economic integration.

THE FIFTH EAS ECONOMIC MINISTERS' MEETING

9 September 2017, Pasay City, Philippines

9. The Ministers noted the importance of gaining insights and exchanging information and knowledge with the ERIA (Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia). The Ministers also welcomed the contribution of newly established ERIA's Policy Design Department and the report of the 10th ERIA Governing Board Meeting held on 9 June 2017 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Ministers appreciated the updates on ERIA's on-going and future research activities in support of regional economic integration, and requested ERIA to continue its research activities toward further economic integration of ASEAN and East Asia. The Ministers appreciated the efforts of ERIA to publish the five volume book-set to commemorate the fifty years anniversary of ASEAN.

JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF THE 11th EAST ASIA SUMMIT ENERGY MINISTERS MEETING

28 September 2017, Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines

11. EAS policy research roadmap. The Ministers welcomed the adoption of the new EAS Mid-Term Energy Policy Research Roadmap towards building strong energy research capability in support of EAS discussions on energy cooperation. The Research Roadmap is expected to help provide a longer term view and coherence

to the numerous policy research initiatives supporting the policy directions spelled out by the EAS EMM. It is also intended to link to the implementation of the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) and to include other research activities or initiatives promoted within the EAS framework. The Ministers expressed appreciation for the efforts led by Japan and ERIA in developing the Research Roadmap as well as the regular briefings provided to the EAS on the findings and policy implications of ERIA's energy policy research conducted in the past year such as oil supply resilience, emission regulation and public acceptance of coal-fired power plant, energy efficiency in the transport sector.

12. Platforms for forum cooperation. The Ministers appreciated China's proposal to formalise the EAS Clean Energy Forum into a regular forum cooperation mechanism for thematic discussions and high-level multilateral and bilateral dialogues focusing on clean energy development in the region. The Ministers noted that the 3rd EAS Clean Energy Forum was held on 3–4 July 2017 in Kunming, China. The Ministers similarly noted Japan's invitation to the 6th LNG Producer Consumer Conference to be held on 18 October 2017 in Tokyo, Japan. The Conference is an annual event (held since 2012) that serves as a platform for producers, consumers and other key LNG players to discuss developments and key challenges on LNG in the region. The Ministers also noted the convening of the 1st East Asia Energy Forum held in Bohol, Philippines in August 2017, and welcomed the 'Bohol Reflections' prepared by the Philippines, Brunei Darussalam and ERIA.

THE 49th ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS' (AEM) MEETING

7 September 2017, Pasay City, Philippines

53. The Ministers welcomed ERIA's 5-volume ASEAN@50 publication, which included: (i) ASEAN and Member States: Transformation and Integration (Volume 3); and (ii) ASEAN Economic Community into 2025 and Beyond (Volume 5). The Ministers expressed their appreciation to ERIA and commended them for their contribution not only to developing the ASTFI but also to on-going efforts to address NTMs. The Ministers agreed that ASEAN Member States should continue to work with ERIA in, among others, verifying and regularly updating the ASEAN NTMs in the ERIA–UNCTAD NTM database, examining possible policy options for addressing NTMs, and implementing the ASTFI, including the conduct of the baseline study in 2018.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE 31st ASEAN SUMMIT

13 November 2017, Manila, Philippines

Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

80. We expressed our deep appreciation to the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) for their invaluable contribution and support not only to the Philippine Chairmanship of ASEAN but also to the commemoration of ASEAN@50. We noted the High-Level Forum on ASEAN@50, held on 19 October 2017 in Manila, that also launched the publication of ASEAN@50: Retrospectives and Perspectives on the Making, Substance, Significance, and Future of ASEAN. We also acknowledged ERIA's contribution in the delivery of the ASEAN Trade Facilitation Strategic Action Plan (ATF-SAP) and the ASTFI that are geared towards addressing Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) in the region. We further commended ERIA's resolve in promoting regional economic integration, including support for RCEP negotiations and the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE 20TH ASEAN-JAPAN SUMMIT

13 November 2017, Manila, Philippines

20. We commended the ASEAN-Japan Centre for its significant role in promoting trade, investment, and tourism as well as cultural and ASEAN awareness. We thanked the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) for contributing to our close economic partnership and for Japan's contribution to the Institute, including the commitment to providing US\$100 million over 10 years in support of ASEAN integration and East Asia integration.

JOINT STATEMENT OF THE NINTH MEKONG-JAPAN SUMMIT

13 November 2017, Manila, Philippines

10. The Leaders renewed their intention to further collaborate with the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Asian Development Bank (ADB), the ASEAN-Japan Center and other relevant international organizations....

12. The Leaders shared the view that improvement of the standard of living in the Mekong countries will be achieved through sustainable development. The Leaders of the Mekong countries welcomed Japan's support for green growth and its "ASEAN-Japan Environmental Cooperation Initiative," which aims to further promote

environmental cooperation in various fields including the development of quality environmental infrastructure addressing waste management, sustainable cities and wastewater treatment as well as marine pollution, chemicals and biodiversity through the utilization of JAIF and collaboration with ERIA....

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE 20TH ASEAN PLUS THREE COMMEMORATIVE SUMMIT

14 November 2017, Manila, Philippines

18. We noted the continued growth of cooperation on environmental issues, particularly in addressing issues relating to environmental protection and sustainable development. We welcomed the ASEAN–Japan Environmental Cooperation Initiative which aims to advance environmental cooperation in areas including climate change, waste management, biodiversity conservation, chemical pollution management, wastewater management, and quality environmental infrastructure development for sustainable cities, as well as cooperation in SDGs through collaboration with ERIA.

27. We acknowledged that the ASEAN Plus Three Health Cooperation has been aligned with the Health Priorities of the ASEAN Post 2015 Health Development Agenda for 2016–2020. We also supported the Joint Statement issued during the 7th ASEAN Plus Three Health Ministers Meeting on 7 September 2017 in Brunei Darussalam which underscored the priority areas of collaboration for 2017–2018 on Universal Health Coverage (UHC), Information–Communication–Technology (ICT) for healthcare, prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, enhancing traditional and complementary medicine, promoting active ageing, development of human resources for health, responding to all hazards and emerging health threats and enhancing food safety. We noted other issues prioritised for collaboration such as Antimicrobial Resistance, Ending All Forms of Malnutrition and Disaster Health Management. We looked forward to the progress of regional activities under the ASEAN Plus Three Health Cooperation that will complement bilateral and regional cooperation on aging-related challenges in the ASEAN. We also looked forward to have further discussions on the Asia Health and Wellbeing Initiative (AHWIN) initiated by Japan in cooperation with Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA).

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE 12th EAST ASIA SUMMIT

14 November 2017, Manila, Philippines

Energy

8. We reaffirmed the importance of continued efforts towards improved energy access and energy affordability in order to address regional energy security and sustainability challenges, as well as promote high-quality infrastructure and keeping energy markets transparent and competitive. In this regard, we underscored the importance of the promotion of clean energy, such as renewable energy, clean coal technology, energy efficiency and cleaner and more efficient fossil fuels including enhancing the use of natural gas as a low-emission fuel. We also welcomed the conduct of the 3rd East Asia Summit Clean Energy Forum and the 3rd EAS New Energy Forum hosted by China on 3–4 July and 1–2 November 2017, and the Bohol Reflections prepared by the Philippines, Brunei Darussalam and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) as an outcome of the 1st East Asia Energy Forum in the Philippines on 21 August 2017.

9. We recognized that the EAS region is experiencing the highest growths in energy demand and noted the broad range of energy resources and clean energy technologies capable of contributing to the region's economic growth, energy security and environment protection. We acknowledged the continued role of fossil fuels in the region and underscored the importance of enhanced use of natural gas and clean coal technologies and noted the need to develop liquid, transparent and secure LNG market and its enabling conditions. We underlined the crucial importance of robust research underpinning regional policy discussion and formulation, and welcomed the adoption of a new EAS Mid-Term Energy Policy Research Roadmap.

ASEAN Connectivity

24. We are pleased with the efforts to strengthen the implementation arrangements for the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025. In this regard, we welcomed the adoption of the respective Terms of Reference (TORs) for the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC), National Coordinators, National Focal Points and Lead Implementing Body for Sustainable Infrastructure during the 19th ASEAN Coordinating Council Meeting on 28 April 2017. We noted the progress in the development of the respective project concepts

and proposals for the implementation of the MPAC 2025. We welcomed the outcomes of the Forum on MPAC 2025 Initiatives and Project Concepts and the 8th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium with the theme “Harnessing Opportunities and Addressing Challenges in the Implementation of the MPAC 2025”, which were held on 12–14 July 2017 in Manila, Philippines, and with support from Australia and ERIA. We attached importance to promoting greater synergies amongst the various connectivity strategies in the region.

Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

47. We commended ERIA's resolve in promoting regional economic integration, including support for RCEP negotiations and the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025 and took note of its key research outcomes that will further guide ASEAN in its efforts on trade facilitation, in particular on the conduct of research studies and development of tools and databases on Non-Tariff Measures as well as the ASEAN Seamless Trade Facilitation Indicators as part of the Philippines' economic priority deliverables for its chairmanship. We appreciated ERIA's contribution to the 8th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium, the High-Level Forum on ASEAN @ 50: Retrospectives and Perspectives on the Making, Substance, Significance and Future of ASEAN, and the publication of the five-volume book set to commemorate the 50-year anniversary of ASEAN. We further welcomed ERIA's activities in new areas such as efforts to strengthen regional health services. We encouraged ERIA to continue to provide support for the Chair of the ASEAN Summit and East Asia Summit and to continue to provide actionable policy recommendations to EAS Economic Ministers.