



# Annex F

## Summit Statements in FY2016

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### CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE SIXTH EAST ASIA SUMMIT FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING

26 July 2016, Vientiane, Lao PDR

#### ASEAN Connectivity

20. The Ministers noted the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) and looked forward to the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025. In this regard, the Ministers looked forward to the convening of the 7th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium entitled "Intensifying Partnerships to Realise the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025" to be held on 20 October 2016 in Vientiane, Laos. The Ministers recognised the role of ERIA in promoting regional economic integration, and urged ERIA to continue with this role in coming years.

### THE 48th ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS' (AEM) MEETING

3 August 2016, Vientiane, Lao PDR - JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT

46. Noting the progress, the Ministers encouraged the relevant agencies and parties involved to intensify their efforts towards delivering the SAPSMED 2025 strategic goals. In this connection, the Ministers welcomed the on-going collaboration and support of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund and the AEM-METI Economic Cooperation Committee (AMEICC), the Korea-ASEAN Industrial Technology Cooperation, the OECD Programme for ASEAN SMEs (OPAS) and the Government of Canada, and the USAID ASEAN Connectivity through Trade and Investment project (US-ACTI).

#### Technical Assistance and Capacity-Building

54. ASEAN's integration efforts have been strongly supported through technical assistance and capacity building rendered by dialogue and development partners. This cooperation covers key projects under

the trade in goods, services and investment, competition, consumer protection, MSMEs, statistics, agriculture and the Initiative for ASEAN Integration. The Ministers expressed appreciation to the assistance provided under the AADCP II, EU-ARISE, the Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (READI), the EU-ASEAN Capacity Building Programme for Monitoring Integration Progress and Statistics (EU-ASEAN COMPASS), the US ACTI, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) projects as implemented by the GIZ and the support provided by the Asian Development Bank, the World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and ERIA.

## THE FOURTH EAS ECONOMIC MINISTERS' MEETING

5 August 2016, Vientiane, Lao PDR - JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT

### Updates on ERIA's Activities

8. The Ministers noted the importance of interaction between ERIA (Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia) and the policy makers of EAS countries and, to this end, the Ministers welcomed the convening of the Roundtable Discussion between EAS Senior Economic Officials and ERIA Researchers, which was held on 1 July 2016. The Ministers were also pleased to note the updates on ERIA's on-going and future research activities, including studies on Non-Tariff Measures (NTM) and Good Regulatory Practices (GRP). The Ministers welcomed the report of the 9th ERIA Governing Board Meeting held on 16 June 2016, and noted that the Governing Board had endorsed the renewed commitments of ERIA to the East Asia Region as described in its Medium-Term Work Plan, which includes establishing the Policy Design Department, setting up formal bridging mechanisms to enhance interaction with policy makers in the region, and various measures to further enhance ERIA's research and capacity building. The Ministers also encouraged ERIA to develop possible next steps drawing upon the outcomes of their research activities, and thanked ERIA for its continuous support and looked forward to its continued contribution to the region's integration efforts. To this end, the Ministers encouraged EAS participating countries to continue extending their support to ERIA.

## JOINT STATEMENT OF THE EIGHTH, MEKONG-JAPAN SUMMIT

7 September 2016, Vientiane, Lao PDR

13. The Leaders highly appreciated the continuous contribution to the Mekong countries from the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). In this connection, they commended the completion of its report on 'Lao PDR at the Crossroads: Industrial Development Strategies 2016-2030'.

## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE 11TH EAST ASIA SUMMIT

8 September 2016, Vientiane, Lao PDR

Turning Vision into Reality for a Dynamic ASEAN Community

### ASEAN Connectivity

18. We noted the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) and the adoption of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025. In this regard, we looked forward to the 7th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium entitled "Intensifying Partnerships to Realise the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025" to be held in October 2016 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. We recognized the role of ERIA in promoting regional economic integration, took note of the Statement of the 9th Governing Board Meeting of ERIA, and encouraged ERIA to continue its role in supporting ASEAN Connectivity in the coming years. We encouraged ERIA to continue its support to the Chair of ASEAN Summit and the East Asia Summit.

19. We underscored the importance of promoting infrastructure development in East Asia to facilitate trade, investment and service competitiveness in the region and acknowledged that the mobilization of means of implementation of infrastructure projects is critical. In this regard, we adopted the Vientiane Declaration on Promoting Infrastructure Development Cooperation in East Asia.

## **VIENTIANE DECLARATION ON PROMOTING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN EAST ASIA**

8 September 2016, Vientiane, Lao PDR

- Encourage all EAS participating countries and other external partners, including Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the AIIB, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the World Bank to promote quality infrastructure investment in the region through considering increasing technical assistance, utilizing the existing funds and providing training programmes for professionals in infrastructure and connectivity related sectors, including on smart green infrastructure, and sharing experiences and policies and practices to ASEAN Member States;
- Continue efforts to make regional connectivity vibrant and effective through the early completion of projects listed in the MPAC 2025 and the Comprehensive Asia Development Plan 2.0 to improve East-West Economic Corridor and Southern Economic Corridor;

## **JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF THE 10TH EAST ASIA SUMMIT ENERGY MINISTERS MEETING**

22 September 2016, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

4. To advance the EAS collaboration on natural gas, the Ministers welcomed Japan's proposal to facilitate collaboration and discussion among EAS countries with the support of the ASEAN Council on Petroleum (ASCOPE), the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), on ways in which governments can spur the development of natural gas markets that are open, transparent, competitive and resilient, and promote new technologies for the storage and efficient use of this clean energy resource. The Ministers noted that Japan will endeavor to formulate pro-market policy options to ensure that gas markets operate efficiently for possible

consideration of the next EAS ECTF meeting.

5. The Ministers noted with satisfaction the good progress made by the Work Stream on Energy Efficiency and Conservation to promote energy efficiency and conservation (EE&C) in the EAS region, specifically in information sharing, formulating EE goals and action plans, in helping visualise the medium and long-term savings potential from implementing EE measures, and formulating roadmaps for promoting EE technologies in the region.

7. The Ministers appreciated Japan's consistent efforts to support and implement the initiatives of the EAS ECTF Work Stream on EE&C. The Ministers also encouraged further progress to accelerate deployment of EE technologies, such as smart energy management technologies and distributed energy systems, and looked forward to achieving stable and efficient energy supply in the region while reducing carbon emissions.

8. The Ministers noted with satisfaction the three major activities implemented by the Work Stream on Biofuels for Transport and Other Purposes in the past year, including the Biofuels Database Project in EAS countries, the annual Renewable Energy Researchers Invitation Program, and the joint studies on renewable energy potential in certain EAS countries and their effective utilisation.

9. The Ministers were also pleased with the progress of work under the Work Stream on Renewable and Alternative Power Generation, specifically under various initiatives to strengthen policies for scaling-up investments in renewables, RE technology demonstration and testing, RE resource mapping, sustainable hydropower generation technology and mitigation of climate change impacts, and geothermal resource utilisation. The Ministers expressed appreciation for the initiatives led by the United States and Brunei Darussalam for trainings and workshops on hydropower climate change risk and the roundtables on PV integration technologies as well as the development of tools and applications for analysing sub-regional hydro, wind and solar development.